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Monetarists fear deepening recession

Lower pay deals bring interest rate cuts nearer

By Graham Searjeant and Philip Bassett

PAY settlements are tumbling faster than at any time for more than a decade, raising hopes of a rapid fall in the inflation rate and further interest rate cuts.

The Confederation of British Industry estimates that wage rises in April averaged 6.8 per cent, with many firms offering much smaller increases. Ministers, who have repeatedly sounded warnings about the need for pay restraint, will be encouraged by the sharp fall — from about 9 per cent at the end of last year.

If sustained, lower pay settlements should mean a quicker fall in the underlying rate of inflation, allowing the Chancellor to take more measures to stimulate the economy out of recession and avoid the rise in unemployment worsening the slump.

But with one in five firms imposing pay freezes, some economists regard the income statistics as evidence that the recession is deepening, a view that will be hardened by figures this week expected to show another 85,000 increase in the number out of work.

Professor Patrick Minford, a champion of monetarist policy, calls today for an immediate cut in base rates to below 10 per cent. Professor Minford is a former adviser to Margaret Thatcher and one of six monetarists led by Professor Sir Alan Walters who wrote to *The Times* earlier this year demanding urgent stimulation for the economy and withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism. In a further letter today, Professor Minford says that with a deep recession and slow monetary growth, sterling's position in the mechanism presents the only possible barrier to a sharp cut in interest rates. He says that the risk should be taken.

Most economists are much more cautious, expecting no more than one or two half-point cuts in base rates during the summer. The Bank of England has been particularly wary about allowing further cuts because it fears that the underlying rate of inflation is not falling fast enough. Figures out tomorrow for factory gate prices, the measure favoured by the bank, are likely to show a fall from 6.4 to 6.2 per cent in May. That would be higher than retail price inflation, which are expected to have slowed from 6.4 to 5.9 per cent, thanks to cheaper mortgages. This will be the first time inflation has been below 6 per cent since 1988.

The fall in pay settlements is, however, narrowing the gap between pay and productivity, which is the bank's main worry. The CBI estimates that the growth in unit wage costs has fallen from 5.75 per cent to 3.5 per cent, improving the competitiveness of British companies.

A CBI survey published yesterday shows that pay rates rose by an average of 8.1 per cent in the first quarter of this year, compared with 8.9 per cent from September to December 1990. This is the sharpest quarterly fall for more than ten years and it appears to have been a prelude to an even bigger drop, with the CBI estimating that settlements in April may have averaged 6.8 per cent.

The CBI's findings are supported by the Reward group, which has published a survey showing that pay settlements since February have averaged 7.6 per cent.

City forecasters are generally more pessimistic than the prime minister and the Chancellor, who still maintain that escape from recession is round the corner. Several have recently changed their forecasts and do not now expect the economy to turn until the autumn. One exception is Christopher Johnson of Lloyds Bank, who predicts today that rising consumer confidence will trim the fall in ouptut this year to 1.5 per cent against the Chancellor's Budget forecast of 2 per cent. Last week, the Halifax building society also reported an unexpected 1 per cent rise in house prices in a month.

The pressure will continue on the clearing banks this week to limit the recessionary damage to small business by passing on fully the cuts in base rates, instead of trying to recoup their loan losses. The remaining clearing bank chairmen are expected to visit the Treasury and the Commons Treasury select committee plans to mount an investigation. But Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of Fair Trading, said he doubted whether the banks' practices warranted an OFT investigation. Small businessmen have expressed dissatisfaction with their banks in a new survey, but are now more concerned about late payment for supplies from big customers and the general level of interest rates. A proposed directive being prepared by the European Commission would allow firms to charge late-payers the rate of interest they are paying on their overdrafts.

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Hogg flies to Beirut on hostage mission

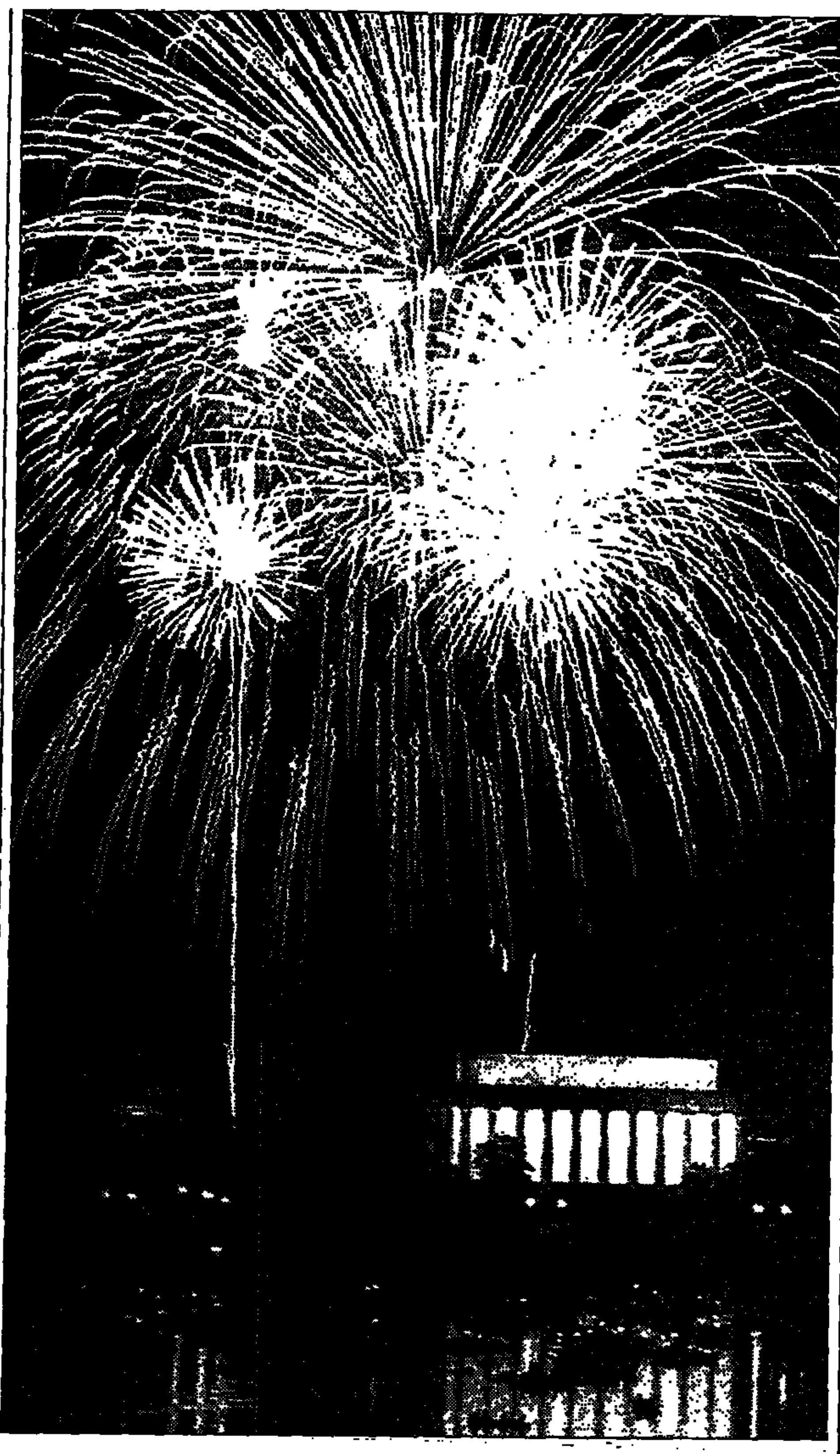
By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

DOUGLAS Hogg, the junior minister at the Foreign Office, arrived in Beirut yesterday for three days of talks with Lebanese leaders that will cover efforts to free the three British hostages held by pro-Iranian groups. He will also discuss the moves to bring peace and stability to Lebanon, and last week's Israeli attacks on Palestinian targets in the south of the country.

His visit coincided with that of Bettino Craxi, a former Italian prime minister, who represented Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general. The two will discuss with Lebanese leaders international help in rebuilding a country devastated by 15 years of civil war.

Mr Hogg said he believed that the prospects for the release of the Britons were "better than they were". "It is quite plain now that the Syrians are working to achieve the release of the hostages, that the Iranians have said many times that they are going to use their humanitarian best efforts to do so, and that is very welcome. The situation is steadily improving but I do not wish to arouse expectations of an early release," he said before leaving London yesterday.

His is the highest-level official British visit to Lebanon since 1985. He left his timetable in Lebanon flexible in case talks on hostages develop unexpectedly. He is going on to Syria on Thursday, and will ask Damascus, with which Britain now has full diplomatic relations, to do what it can to free the 12 Western hostages.



Washington's spectacular display, dismissed by New York as a provincial dress rehearsal

Tale of two cities' parades

From Charles Bremner in New York

SATURDAY'S victory parade in Washington for the triumphant legions of the Gulf War was a national picnic heavily funded by the taxpayer. New York's version today is a giant party that aims not only to fete the returning troops but also to capture the energy and showmanship that is still the pride of America's great city, despite its current ills.

At least, that is how they are putting it in New York, where skyscrapers will be wrapped in yellow ribbon, ships will salute and a mock Scud missile will explode in the sky during the "mother of all ticker-tape parades".

After months of planning and a blitzkrieg of money-raising by big corporations, citizens are expected to hurl a blizzard of confetti on 25,000 troops as they march between the skyscrapers of Broadway, the route in lower Manhattan that became known as the Canyon of Heroes since the first ticker-tape parade, for Teddy Roosevelt, in 1910.

According to the mayor, David Dinkins, the parade will outdo in grandeur all such past events, including Charles Lindbergh's return from flying the Atlantic and the homecoming from the second world war.

As well as the celebrity

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Kohl presses for Soviet aid

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Ian Murray in Bonn

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl and John Major yesterday agreed that some way must be found to invite President Gorbachev to the economic summit in London next month. But Britain opposes Germany's call for huge Western aid to the Soviet economy.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said in Germany yesterday that no financial help should be given by the Group of Seven, despite the political difficulties this might cause the Soviet leader.

The prime minister, in five hours of talks at Chequers with Herr Kohl, also tried to dampen expectations of the Luxembourg summit at the end of this month. Britain does not want any far-reaching decisions to be taken on economic and monetary union or on political union, and believes the two intergovernmental conferences must still do a lot more work before draft treaties can be agreed.

Mr Major, apparently playing for time on the vexed question of European integration, made it clear that he does not think decisions on either EMU or political union can be taken until the end of the Dutch presidency in December. He wants the Luxembourg summit merely to "take stock" of talks so far.

Their meeting, one of the normal Anglo-German summits held every six months, was said to be "very friendly and substantive." It was in marked contrast to the strained encounters between the chancellor and Margaret Thatcher.

Officials from both sides tried to play down the substance of yesterday's talks and the working lunch. Herr Kohl brought only two aides from the chancellery with him, and issued no press statement afterwards.

Britain's blunt message on the G-7 was made clear in Halle, in former East Germany, where Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, was showing Mr Hurd around his birthplace. Herr Genscher, who is particularly anxious to help President Gorbachev survive, argued that if the Soviet leader attended the G7 meeting and left empty-handed, it would do more harm than good.

In Washington Sam Nunn, the Democratic chairman of the senate armed services committee, said yesterday that the US should help Moscow by offering a twin-track policy of private investment, especially for oil and gas development, while economic aid should come from international lending agencies.

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Thatcher to get restricted role in run-up to election

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

CHRIS Patten, the Conservative party chairman, has decided to downgrade Margaret Thatcher's role in the next election campaign as her recent criticism of John Major's decisions continues to damage party unity.

Mr Patten plans to meet the former prime minister later this week to tell her of the low-key election role sketched out by Tory party headquarters in the run-up to the election. Mr Patten implicitly warned her yesterday to watch her words. Party sources indicated that Mrs Thatcher's part in the campaign had been discussed by Mr Patten and Mr Major.

Plans were being drawn up at Conservative Central Office for Mrs Thatcher to figure largely in the campaign, whether or not she decides to stays in the Commons. But a party official disclosed yesterday that her role is likely to be confined to "walkabouts" and appearances in vulnerable constituencies rather than speech-making. He described her part in the campaign as "like other senior Tories, such as Ted Heath". The Conservative Central Office also dismissed as "rubbish" speculation that Norman Tebbit, the former party chairman, could be handed a special role in the election campaign.

Mr Patten also appealed to the party faithful yesterday to keep their cool while awaiting the predicted economic upturn in the autumn and not to "throw away" the chance of a fourth general election victory.

The party chairman's efforts to hold the party together came as Mr Major prepares to weather one of his toughest weeks since becoming prime minister.

To exploit his difficulties Labour is stepping up its campaign criticising Mr Major's handling of the economy, particularly when the latest jump in unemployment figures are published on Thursday. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday dared Mr Major to call an immediate general election on the grounds that the government had no sense of direction under a leader who lacked purpose, identity and ideas. At the same time he launched his "Made in Britain" campaign for reviving Britain's manufacturing base.

The prime minister is preparing to fight back with a series of keynote speeches and white papers stamping "Majorism" for the 1990s, as the natural successor to the Thatcherite 1980s, on his government's programme. When he addresses Welsh Tories on Friday he will spell out more details of his agenda for improving services to the public, protecting consumers' rights and promoting the "classless society". It will be followed up by another keynote speech at the end of the month to the Tory women's conference.

As the prospect of an autumn general election fades, he is also considering a limited ministerial reshuffle. Downing Street has repeatedly ruled out a full Cabinet reshuffle, but has not dismissed a shake-up of the middle and lower ranks. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*, Cecil Parkinson, the former Tory party chairman, advised Mr Major he would be wise to "soldier on" with the present ministerial

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Gooch 154 puts win in sight

GRAHAM Gooch, the England captain, hit an unbeaten 154 at Headingley yesterday to set up a thrilling climax to the first Test match against West Indies (Our Sports Staff writes). Gooch became only the fifth England player to carry his bat through a Test innings and has given England a chance to go 1-0 up in the series.

Gooch, defiant for nearly seven-and-half hours, led England to 252 all out between showers — a lead of 277. Phillip DeFreitas then bowled Phil Simmons with his opening ball, leaving the West Indies 11 for one, and needing another 267 to win.

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Drug to 'revive' middle-age memory unveiled

Are you sure you want to remember?
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By Thomson Prentice
Medical correspondent

A DRUG that has cost £100 million to develop appears capable of reviving memories in the middle-aged and may also have a range of other benefits, scientists said yesterday.

The drug, ondansetron, has given some patients recall and learning abilities equivalent to those they had they were six to eight years younger, according to a study. The drug is based on a natural human substance and has been likened to a "master key" that could open chemical locks in the body and treat a variety of conditions.

The compound, under the trade name Zofran, is already prescribed to treat nausea in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy. It shows promise in relieving anxiety, and may also have a role in the management of schizophrenia and drug addiction, researchers believe.

Ondansetron has been produced by Glaxo, Britain's third largest company. Research findings indicating its potential were given at a medical seminar, sponsored by the company, in Florence yesterday. Thomas Crook, former chief of the geriatric psychopharmacology programme of the US National Institute of Mental Health, gave the results of a study in which 232 middle-aged patients in Maryland and Arizona were given a daily dose of the drug or a placebo, and tested over 12 weeks for name-face association, facial recognition and telephone number recollection. Patients on the drug showed results that could be equated with six to eight years of reversed memory decline.

Another trial, lasting six months and involving 350 patients, has begun. "If we can show that something does truly have an effect on learning and reversing age-related decline, this is a very big breakthrough," Dr Crook said. The drug could be on the market within four years if studies confirm its early promise. However, Dr Crook said there were many examples of early enthusiasms for drugs being dashed by later studies.

Ondansetron is developed from a chemical called serotonin, or 5-hydroxytryptamineHT, found in many parts of the body, including the brain, where it is thought to have a role in affecting mood and states of consciousness. In another study, the drug relieved anxiety symptoms in 59 per cent of 400 British patients without causing withdrawal effects after treatment was stopped.

Glaxo emphasised that the findings were preliminary but said that the first application to launch the drug in Europe for memory and anxiety treatment could be made in 1993.

Heseltine is forced to shelve his plan for elected city mayors

Heseltine: plan to restore pride to towns and cities

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE government has abandoned plans for directly elected city mayors to take over the running of larger councils in England and Wales.

A draft of the forthcoming green paper on the internal management of local authorities, the last of the three consultation documents produced by the poll tax review, contains no mention of the idea.

The concept of elected mayors or chief executives was first propounded by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, in an article he wrote in *The Times* 12 months ago when he was a backbencher. After returning to the cabinet as environment secretary in November, Mr Heseltine asked senior civil servants to evaluate the proposal as part of the poll tax review.

Mr Heseltine has remained a staunch advocate of the idea as part of his plan to restore civic pride to larger towns and cities which were swallowed up in shire counties in the 1974 local government reorganisation, losing control of such services as education and social services.

In his article, Mr Heseltine had advocated the restoration of county borough status to cities such as Bristol, Leicester and Nottingham and suggested that the new all-purpose councils should be led by directly elected mayors.

While the creation of unitary authorities has now been adopted as government policy, the environment secretary found it harder to convince cabinet colleagues of the merit of elected mayors. The concept foundered on objections from ministers that directly elected mayors would be too powerful and would be open to the corrupting influences of absolute power.

Two other green papers have already been published advocating the new council tax and the introduction of a single tier of all-purpose local authorities throughout Britain. The consultation period for these documents ends on Friday but the paper on the conduct of council business is not expected until the end of the month.

A draft prepared for ministers makes it clear that, as in the case of the future structure of local government, the cabinet is prepared to allow different patterns to appear across the country. Mr Heseltine has already said that the existing two-tier structure of county and district councils in England and Wales and regions and districts in Scotland will be allowed to survive in some areas.

Unlike the 1986 Widdicombe report which laid down uniform proposals for reforming the internal management of councils, the draft green paper suggests that councils might choose from a range of models.

Among those canvassed are the appointment of a small executive "cabinet" of councillors and the reduction of the number of seats on a council to make it more manageable.

A senior Whitehall source said: "This will be the greenest of the the green papers. It really will leave options open."

Underlying the more relaxed tone is the sense, widely felt in Whitehall, that the decision to replace the community charge with the council tax has eased the pressure for reform of local government. Senior civil servants believe that the proposed restructuring of local government may now go no further than the restoration of about a dozen former county boroughs to their former all-purpose role.

"The cabinet is losing interest in local government and Michael Heseltine is more interested in the inner cities than in redrawing the local government map of Britain," a senior source said.

● Local authorities in Britain should be set free from government restrictions and allowed to spend as they wish and to take on new functions in an attempt to improve public services, a leading academic said yesterday.

John Stewart, Professor of Local Government at Birmingham university, said that increasing regulation, as proposed by the Prime Minister's Citizen's Charter, was not the way to improve standards.

In a paper published by the Institute for Public Policy Research, the left-of-centre think tank, Professor Stewart argues that Britain should emulate the so-called Free Commune experiments in Scandanavia.

The idea originated in Sweden in the 1970s in response to public frustration with bureaucracy.

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Conservative seats have more out of work than Labour

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government's political difficulties over unemployment are underlined today by the latest *Times* analysis of people out of work. This shows that for the first time that unemployment is higher in constituencies represented by the Conservatives than in Labour-held seats.

Half of all British unemployment is in Tory-held seats, the analysis shows. Government figures to be published this week will show another sharp rise in unemployment, which will add to the pressure on John Major.

The Times's monthly analysis of data held on employment department computers is supported by a study published today by Labour, which the party is using to press home its unemployment attack on the government.

According to the *Times* computer analysis of trends, unemployment in Conservative seats stands at 1,048,767, compared with 966,667 in Labour constituencies. Though the gap of 82,100 is relatively narrow, it is thought to be the first time that unemployment has been higher in Tory than in Labour-held seats.

Previous analyses by *The Times* were the first to show how quickly unemployment was rising in Conservative areas. At the beginning of the year the rate of increase was five times as fast in Tory seats as in Labour ones, although by last month it had slowed to twice as fast.

Ministers such as Michael Howard, the employment secretary, who on Thursday will announce the latest increase in overall unemployment, decried *The Times*'s conclusions, arguing that the increases were from low levels, and that unemployment was higher in Labour areas.

The significance of the latest findings is that the level of unemployment, as well as the rate of increase, is higher in Conservative areas, at 50 per cent of the total. Labour unemployment makes up 46.1 per cent, Liberal Democrat areas, at 52,022, account for 2.5 per cent of the total.

However, the average level of unemployment for each party's seat still favours the Conservatives. In a Tory seat it stands at 2,811, while for Labour it is 4,221 and for the Liberal Democrats 2,477.

Labour leaders will again attack the government's economic record this week on the basis of the new rise in unemployment. Today the party publishes its own examination of the unemployment trends, which says that the government expects the total, which will rise above 2.2 million this week, to be 2.6 million by October.

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UK men top Europe's long-hours league

By TIM JONES

MEN in Britain work longer hours than in any other European country, an Equal Opportunities Commission survey finds today.

The survey says 42 per cent of men in the UK work more than 46 hours a week, putting this country at the top of the table of long working hours, just above Greece and Ireland and well above Germany, where only 14 per cent of men fall into that category. The commission says that while British men are working long hours, women have to fit paid work around family responsibilities and thus operate many work patterns, including part-time and weekend work.

Joanna Foster, who chairs the commission, said a lack of affordable child care was putting unacceptable pressures on family life.

While women working full-time earn on average 77 per cent of men's pay, women part-timers earn just over half, the survey shows. Many women were satisfied with their flexible hours because they allowed time for family responsibilities, but flexibility often came at the cost of well-paid work and was primarily designed to suit the employer.

The report says that if the European Commission draft directive on working time comes into effect, shifts longer than 13 hours in any 24 hours will become illegal. It finds that 10 per cent of the men surveyed had worked at least one such shift in the week they were questioned.

PERCENTAGE OF MEN WORKING MORE THAN 46 HOURS A WEEK

Luxembourg	10.7
Netherlands	12.5
Federal Rep of Germany	14.6
Denmark	16.5
Belgium	14.2
France	19.6
Italy	20.3
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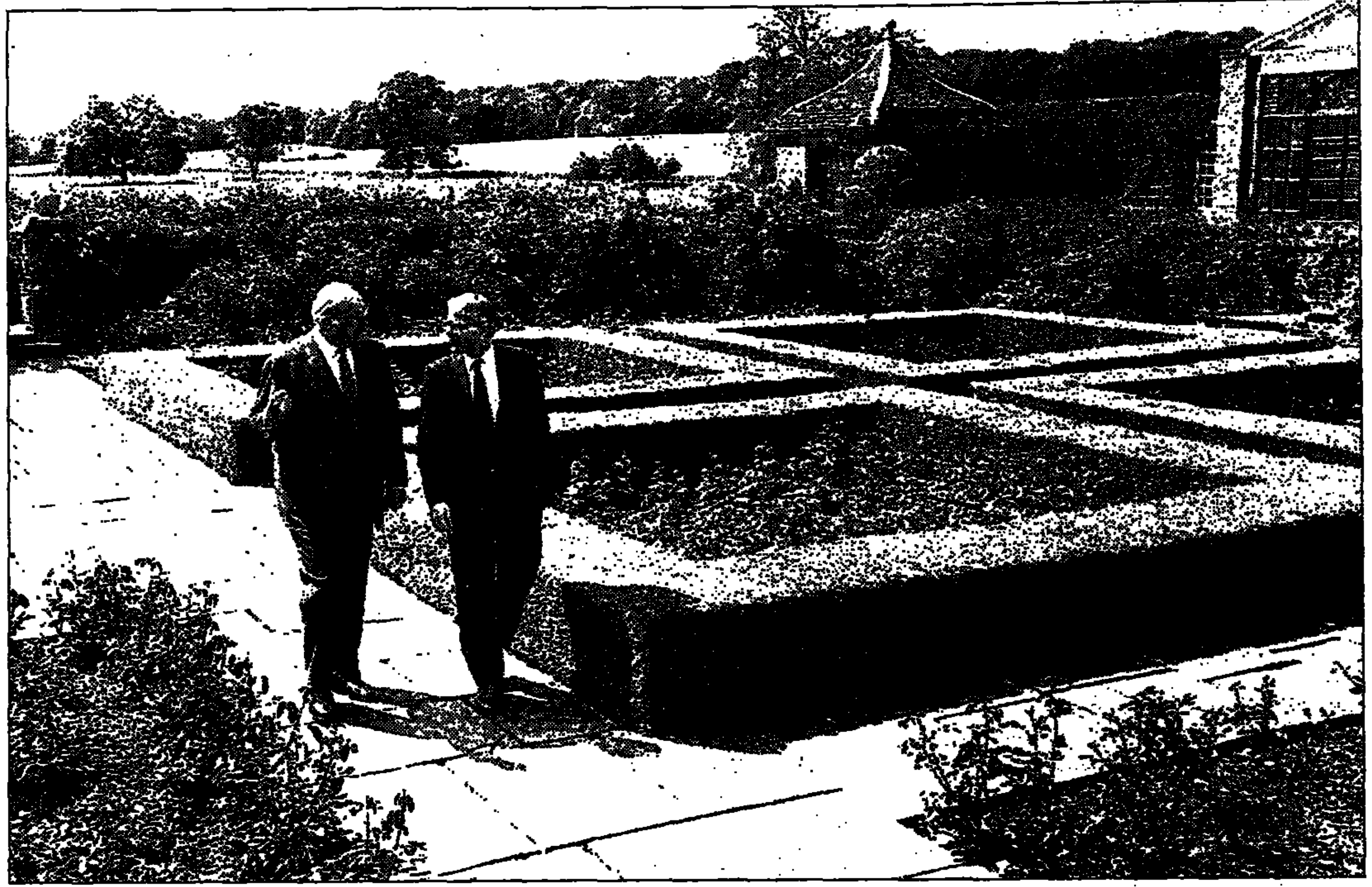

Rose garden meeting: Mr Major and Herr Kohl enjoying the sunshine during a break from their talks at Chequers yesterday

Fight for part-time workers

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Equal Opportunities Commission is taking the government to court today to challenge the law which stops hundreds of thousands of part-time workers – mostly women – from receiving the same protection over redundancy and dismissal as full-time workers.

The action against Michael Howard, employment secretary, is one of three to be brought by the commission in its own name as a class action.

It breaks new ground in seeking to test an act of parliament directly against European law in the field of equality, in the way that the law on fishing quotas was successfully challenged last year by Spanish fishermen who operate in British waters.

The commission is seeking a judicial review of the law contained in the Employment Protection Consolidation Act 1978, which confers employment protection rights only on part-timers who work at least 16 hours a week and after five years with their employer. The benefits denied to part-timers who do not cross those thresholds are redundancy payment, the right to bring a case for unfair dismissal and to claim compensation for unfair dismissal.

Alan Lakin, the commission's senior legal adviser, said that the commission had to show that the act's provisions were discriminatory and unlawful.

'British question' returns to haunt EC ministers' agenda

From GEORGE BROCK, EUROPEAN EDITOR, IN BRUSSELS

HOWEVER broad the smiles at the end of yesterday's meeting between the prime minister and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, John Major must be painfully aware that his honeymoon in Europe will soon be over. The "British question" is back with a vengeance.

The prime minister's claim that he wants Britain to be "at the heart of Europe" will be tested to destruction over the next three weeks. A look at the European Community's agenda at what is supposed to be the halfway point of the conferences on monetary and political union reveals a burgeoning list of issues dividing Britain from its partners. Mr Major's carefully emollient noises in Europe since he succeded Mrs Thatcher may have bought him time, but they have not closed the divisions of history and political culture which separate Britain from the rest.

British ministers are balanced on a high wire. They can either stick to increasingly lonely British positions and so help to keep the Conservative party together at Westminster, or they can wheel and deal their way towards the EC's centre ground and contribute to keeping the Community together. Doing both at the same time becomes ever harder as the treaty negotiations come to their crunch.

The 103 Tory MPs who signed a Commons motion warning against a surrender of sovereignty plainly shook a government nervy about the election. Britain is in a minority of one over the alignment of minimum value-added tax rates, on the extension of Community powers into social and labour law, frontier controls and rights of asylum. The government has not signed up over the final goal of a single European currency.

The issues of extending the Community's powers and ministers' use of majority voting might in the end see Britain on its own. But Mr Major and his colleagues are putting it about that they do not just mean to miss the European train, they are placing themselves in its path. Some of this is bluff; but for the time being, splendid Thatcherite isolation is soothing for the backbenchers who can threaten splits with horrible electoral consequences.

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Two men with a shared burden

Like John Major, Kohl lags in polls. Ian Murray on the German effect

WHEN not discussing the future of Europe at Chequers yesterday, John Major and Helmut Kohl may well have found time to commiserate with each other on their poor showing in opinion polls.

If anything, the German chancellor is doing worse than the prime minister. A poll in *Bild Am Sonntag* yesterday showed that never in modern history has a German government lost so much popularity so quickly. Just six months after being swept to a third successive victory by an electorate happy to endorse his role as "chancellor of unity", only one voter in three thinks Herr Kohl is doing a good job. If an election were held tomorrow, the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) would easily beat his Christian Democrats (CDU).

Opinion polls aside, the CDU has lost heavily in all three state elections held this year. The SPD has ousted the chancellor's party from power in Hesse and in his home state of Rhineland Palatinate and has taken overall control in Hamburg. The FDP has not only joined an SPD-led coalition in both states captured from the CDU but the Liberals are openly flirting with the opposition nationally. Masters of the art of survival in government, the FDP leadership is opening its options for a switch if Herr Kohl's popularity plunges so far as to endanger his party's mandate to rule.

The collapse of the government's popularity comes from incompatible demands. In the west, voters want taxes cut: in the east, voters want more money spent on them.

Mothers 'invent illnesses for children'

From ERIC DOWD IN TORONTO

AN ALARMING number of mothers in Britain are inventing illnesses for their children and even deliberately injuring them so that they can be comforted by friendly doctors in hospitals, a child health specialist has told an international conference on child abuse and neglect in Canada.

Roy Meadow described several cases. One was of a boy aged six who, because of false claims by his mother, was away from school for 13 months, spent five months in hospital including one month on intravenous fluids, had 120 vein punctures to withdraw blood or inject fluids and was given a range of drugs including steroids which could impair his growth.

Another was of a boy kept in a wheelchair for more than ten years because his mother wanted to trick doctors into believing that he was disabled and who persuaded the boy that he could not walk. Dr Meadow said: "He's been brought up brainwashed into believing he cannot use his legs and therefore he doesn't – it's terrible."

Dr Meadow, a professor and head of the department of paediatrics and child care at St James's hospital, Leeds, said that he knew of 250-300 cases of mothers inventing illnesses or hurting children to get into contact with hospitals.

Mothers have admitted putting their own blood in their children's urine samples, ears or vaginas and putting faeces in their vomit, Dr Meadow said. One mother repeatedly poured oven cleaner over her son's back and took him to a skin clinic complaining he was covered with sores.

Dr Meadow said that the mothers involved were often "rather lonely, inadequate people with not very good marriages who find that when they come into contact with hospitals and kindly doctors and nurses that they matter. It gives them a position of importance in the hospital and community. They may also get a lot of other benefits: special badges to park their cars and allowances for looking after sick children".

Some of the mothers had more problems in pregnancy and in their child's early months. Generally they were above average in age when they had their first child and most suffered emotional abuse as children, Dr Meadow said. He estimated that two or three cases occur every year in every British city but said that they were difficult to detect.

● Children who could be saved after accidents are dying and other youngsters are left needlessly brain-damaged or paralysed because of woefully inadequate facilities, a leading doctor said yesterday.

Lewis Spitz, professor of surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, addressing a meeting in London, said: "There is a golden hour following a major accident when many victims are failing to receive the level of resuscitation required to avoid death and to reduce long-term complications such as brain damage."

Dentists want free check-ups brought back

A call for free NHS dental examinations to be restored has been made by an association which represents 4,000 dentists.

The General Dental Practitioners' Association has also said that charges which come into effect on July 1 are too high, although most increases are less than £1. A check-up will rise from £3.45 to £3.75 and an extraction from £6 to £6.75.

Michael Watson, the secretary of the association, said: "It is in the interests of both our members and patients that NHS charges, which tend to be complicated, are understood by all. We would like to see the free check-up restored and charges reduced to no more than 50 per cent of the cost of treatment."

Union's switch

Britain's second biggest union, the General, Municipal and Boilermakers, yesterday abandoned a plan to set up a construction section to keep rebel officials of the troubled construction industry union Ucatt within the TUC. Most of the 14 officials who have been threatening to leave the union are understood to have joined the non-TUC electricians' union EETPU after the GMB refused them membership.

Car bomb attack

Several homes were wrecked and a woman was treated for shock when a 500lb IRA car bomb exploded on a Protestant housing estate in the village of Donacloney, Co Down. Forty houses were evacuated before the blast at midnight on Saturday.

CORRECTIONS

On May 22, we wrote that Sikh assassins waited 21 years before killing General O'Dwyer, commander in the Punjab at the time of the Jallianwallabagh massacre. In fact Sir Michael O'Dwyer, whom they murdered, though governor of the Punjab at the time, was not a soldier; the general responsible for what happened was General Dyer.

Julia Migenes is to appear as *Tosca* at Earls Court on June 23-29, not in the Royal Opera House production of *Turandot* at the Wembley Arena in December.

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Last-minute appointment might have been with person who killed Mrs Bell

Husband appeals for witnesses to his wife's murder

By RAY CLANCY

THE husband of Penny Bell, the businesswoman found stabbed to death in her car in a west London car park last week, wept yesterday as he appealed for witnesses to the attack to contact the police.

Alistair Bell, aged 44, of Denham, Buckinghamshire, bowed his head and wiped his eyes with a handkerchief as he described the last evening he spent with his wife before her death on Thursday morning. He said that his life and those of their two children had been shattered by what had happened. He could think of no reason why anyone would want to kill his wife.

Mrs Bell, aged 43, left the family home at her usual time of 9.40 am on the day of her death. She usually drove along the A40 to her office in Kilburn, northwest London, where she was the director of an employment agency providing staff for the catering trade. As she left home she told builders that she had to meet someone in ten minutes. Her powder blue Jaguar XJS was seen in the car park adjacent to the Gurnell Grove swimming pool in Greenford at 11 am. Two women who parked next to her thought that she was asleep in the driving seat. When they returned from swimming an hour-and-a-half later they realised that she was dead and alerted police.

Mr Bell told a press conference at Scotland Yard yesterday: "If Penny had been having a liaison with someone that I knew nothing about there would have been no reason to mention her appointment to the builders. She was a very open, fun person. Everybody liked her. I am totally perplexed by the whole thing." Mr Bell, looking pale, said that he was trying to keep himself going because that was what his wife would have wished.

He said that his wife had been tired the night before she met her death and had fallen asleep watching the news on television. She had gone to bed early but the next morning was her usual "bright and chirpy" self. He had left home at his usual time at 8.30 am and she was getting ready to go to work as usual. She had not mentioned anything about an appointment. "I can only think that she must have received a last minute telephone call," he said.

He thought that he would feel bitter because of the "nasty nature" of the attack on his wife but instead he felt "numb" and found it difficult to feel anything. "I do feel that if someone can do this once they can do it again. I know what this has done to me and my family and I appeal to anyone who might know something about this to contact the police," Mr Bell said.

So far police have found no motive for the killing and are still hunting for the murder weapon, believed to be a knife with a three to four-inch blade. Det supt Brian Edwards, leading the murder enquiry, said: "All the evidence at the moment points to Mrs Bell having been killed in her car in the car park. It is vital that we reconstruct all movements in and out of the car park between 9 am and 11 am last Thursday. We know that the swimming pool and car park were very busy that morning and appeal to anyone who has not yet come forward to contact us. All calls will be treated confidentially."

He also appealed for anyone who knew anything about Mrs Bell's last-minute appointment to come forward. "We don't know who her appointment was with. It may have been with the person who eventually killed her or it may have been with somebody totally innocent. We need to shed light on that appointment."

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Appeal for help: Mr Bell yesterday. "If Penny had been having a liaison I knew nothing about there would have been no reason to mention her appointment"

Tomatoes from outer space give ministry the pip

By ALAN HAMILTON

THERE is no cause for alarm. Assiduous officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and the EC are moving heaven, earth and a lot of paper to protect us from tomatoes from outer space. They have seen the movie and they know what can happen.

Reginald Turnill, who reported space launches as the BBC's aerospace correspondent, was presented by Nasa with a packet of Rutger's California Supreme seeds which had spent five years in an orbiting satellite as part of an experiment to determine the effects of radiation on plants.

He gave some to the *Blue Peter* children's programme, which sent them out to schools for growing, and took the remainder home to raise in his Kentish garden. Thousands more, tested by Nasa scientists and an American seed company to establish that they were harmless, were distributed to schools across America.

Since then, Mr Turnill, aged 76, has been plagued by bureaucrats determined that he shall not grow his tomatoes because they do not have an import licence.

Yet the suspect tomatoes have so far escaped arrest and are growing happily in a garden at Sandgate, Kent.

There are as yet no reports of their having emulated the spoof science-fiction film *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*. They have not eaten anyone, nor have they grown to the size of pumpkins. But the men from the ministry ordered all the schools growing the space tomatoes to destroy them and their pots, on the ground that they were an unknown quantity.

Mr Turnill and his wife Margaret harvested the first generation of space tomatoes last year and suffered no ill effects. "The fruit was large, fleshy and sweet, but no different from tomatoes we also grew from control seeds that had been kept on earth," he said yesterday.

A spokesman for agriculture ministry said: "We will have to look into this to ascertain if there is an import licence in force."

Mr Turnill admits that he has no import licence, and says he is being warned that his plants break EC "phytosanitary" regulations.

"This is absolute bureaucratic nonsense," he said. "If they are so concerned about import licences from space, it is quite astonishing that Helen Sharman has not been barred from re-entering the country after her flight with the Soviet cosmonauts."

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Take me to your breeder: Reg Turnill tending the space-trip tomato plants that he grew in his garden

AGENDA

The week ahead

Today
MPs to vote on dangerous dogs bill. Union of Democratic Mineworkers annual conference in Weymouth. British Rail launches campaign to stop trespass and vandalism. Royal salute in Hyde Park for 70th birthday of Duke of Edinburgh.

Tomorrow
Claire Rayner opens Help the Aged/British Gas Seniorline information service. Aerospace and commercial aviation conference begins in Paris.

Wednesday
John Smith, the Shadow chancellor, delivers economics speech at the London School of Economics. International rock awards at the London Arena. Lordship of Hanbury, model for Archers' Ambridge, to be auctioned. Prince of Wales opens T T Tsui gallery of Chinese art at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Thursday
Paris air show begins. Mary Robinson, president of Irish Republic, and Sir Alec Guinness among those receiving honorary degrees at Cambridge university. May unemployment figures published.

Friday
Welsh Conservative party conference opens in Swansea.

Saturday
The Queen's birthday honours List published. Trooping the Colour.

Mothers happier after divorce

By ALICE THOMSON

LONELINESS and money difficulties are the worst problems facing single mothers but most of them are still relieved to be free from their former boy friends and husbands, a survey discloses today.

The advantages of independence from ex-partners outweigh the difficulties of bringing up children as a single parent. The two-year survey by Professor Jonathan Bradshaw, of York university, and Dr Jane Millar, of Bath university, was prompted by the growth in one-parent families and their dependence on social security benefits.

The survey of 1,710 women and 90 men from single-parent families, all divorced, separated or unmarried, found that only 17 per cent of single parents regretted splitting up with their former partner. Sixty-four per cent preferred to live alone than find another partner, although on average single parents lived alone for five years. Those most likely to live with new partners were young unemployed mothers with younger children.

The survey, commissioned by the Department of Social Security, said that one big difficulty for lone mothers and fathers was finding affordable child care which would allow them to go to work and improve their living conditions. Only two in ten single parents worked full time and slightly fewer worked part time.

Lone-Parent Families in the UK (Stationery Office; £11.95)

Eyebrows raised at surgeon's walk-out

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SURGEON'S resignation from a hospital as a protest against health service reforms has surprised his employers because he is moving to another opt-out hospital.

Rolfe Birch, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, is leaving St Mary's hospital in Paddington, west London. The reforms made it no longer "professionally possible" for him to continue, he said at the weekend.

A spokesman for North West Thames health authority said: "We are very surprised that he feels this way and that he should show his feelings by moving to an NHS trust hospital."

The spokesman said that Mr Birch had been working part-time at the Royal National Orthopaedic hospital in Stanmore, northwest London, and had been asked by it to work full-time.

"Our understanding is that they made this offer as long as a year ago and he has now taken the offer up. St Mary's was unaware that he was unhappy with the reforms."

Two senior nursing sisters, a staff nurse and two medical secretaries will move with Mr Birch. The authority spokesman said this was not uncommon when a senior consultant moved. Mr Birch was not available for comment yesterday.

- Staff at Birmingham and Midlands eye hospital worked free at the weekend performing 24 cataract operations to cut waiting lists.

Prince puts guard on painting to protect his copyright

THE Prince of Wales has ordered a permanent guard on one of his watercolours on display at a gallery in Penarth, South Wales, to prevent anyone taking its photograph and stealing his copyright (Alan Hamilton writes).

The scene, painted near Balmoral and entitled *The Dee from Invercauld*, is being watched over during opening hours at the Turner gallery by an employee with instructions to confiscate any hidden cameras.

Buckingham Palace said that the painting had not yet been copyrighted, and that anyone taking a photograph of it could do with it what they wished, including selling copies. The painting, firmly screwed to the wall above a sign saying "no photographs", is not for sale.

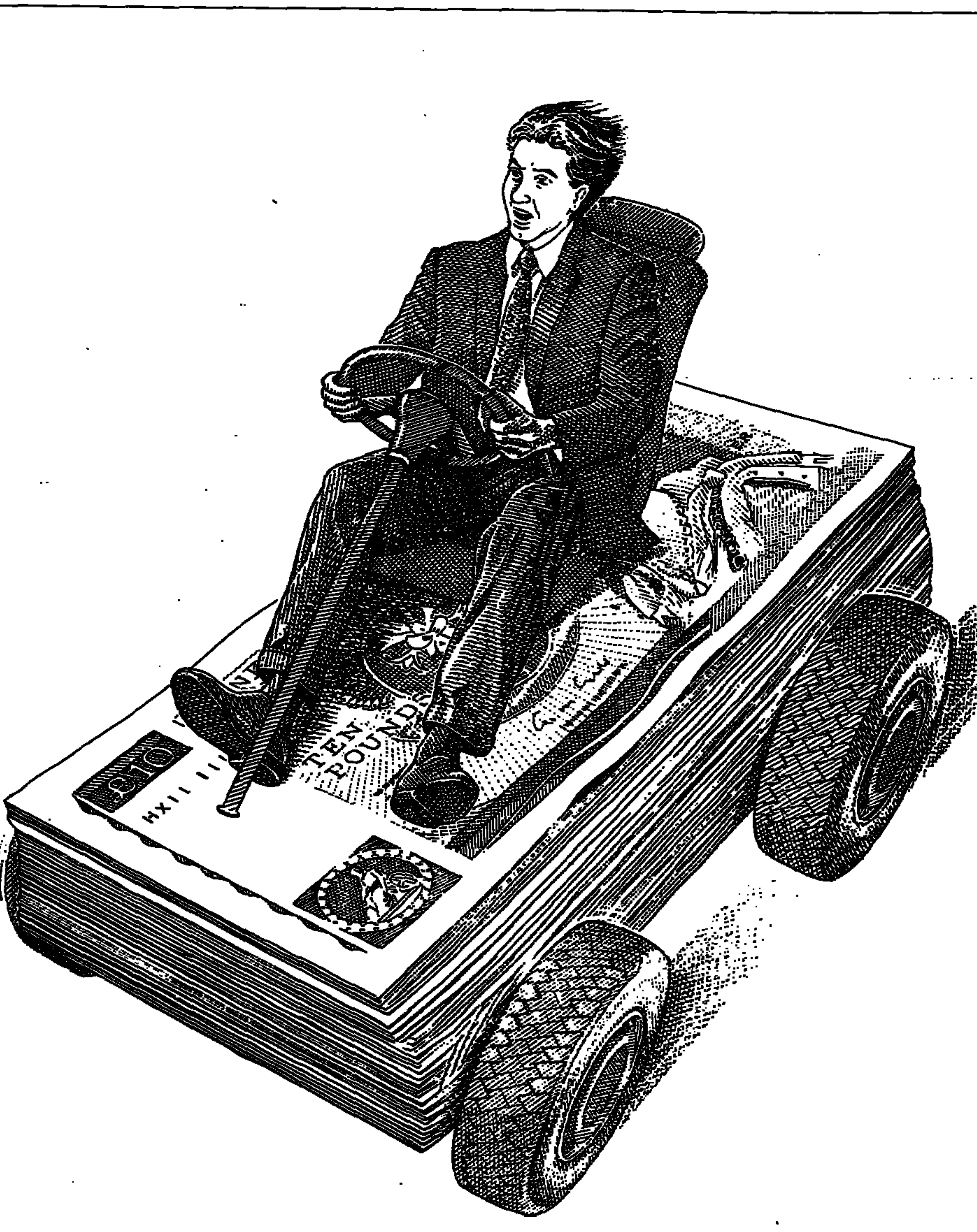
Two other limited edition lithographs by the prince on display, one of Windsor Castle and the other of a scene in the Yorkshire Dales, are on offer at £3,055 unframed with proceeds going to the Prince's Trust.

Iwan Miles-Jones, a local South Wales artist, said of the prince's paintings: "They are the untalented daubings of the amateur. If he thinks anyone would want to pirate that thing, he is deluded."

The prince's paintings, which won praise from professional artists when they were exhibited recently in Salisbury, were defended by Stanley Jones, chairman of the Watercolour Society of Wales. "I think the Prince has great talent. I cannot understand why his prints are not selling," Mr Jones said.

In a separate development John Anthony, who has painted 17 members of the royal family, has been asked by the Home Office to justify the use of the title "royal portrait painter" on his letterheads.

Mr Anthony said yesterday that his claim did not refer specifically to British royalty; he had also painted the portraits of the Kuwaiti and Saudi ruling families.



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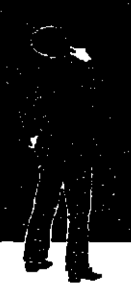

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Ministers hastening end of A-levels, St Paul's head says

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are playing into Labour's hands and hastening the abolition of A-levels by refusing to return to a two-track education system, the high master of St Paul's school, London, says today.

Canon Peter Pilkington argues in a pamphlet published by an influential right-wing think tank that the government's plans for post-16 education, outlined in last month's white paper, are vague and unlikely to raise the status of vocational education. Only separate institutions would achieve that while guaranteeing the preservation of academic standards.

In the policy study Canon Pilkington writes: "By maintaining two distinct routes within the same structure, the white paper would make it easy for a future Labour government to create a comprehensive system post-16, combining academic and vocational in one examination. In this way the disastrous changes of the Sixties would be repeated."

The pamphlet is published by the Centre for Policy Studies, which plays a leading role in Conservative policy debates. Its theme will find a sympathetic audience among the growing number of Tory MPs who want grammar schools reintroduced.

Canon Pilkington acknowledges that political pressures are against selective education if four out of five children are relegated to an inferior system, but he argues that comprehensive schools have failed. The mingling of abilities has lowered standards so that A-levels are now in danger of erosion.

Citing the success of France and Germany in giving status to vocational courses, Canon Pilkington calls for the establishment of a single vocational qualification that will command respect and be more widely understood. Colleges and opted-out comprehensive schools would be encouraged to specialise either in vocational or academic subjects. They might be labelled accordingly.

The pamphlet also revives the possibility of a post-16 voucher system so that students could choose between types of school and college. Market forces would help to break the near-monopoly of the comprehensive system if schools were allowed to develop different styles and methods of selection, Canon Pilkington believes.

"These proposals will arouse the wrath of egalitarians and educationalists who believe that any separation of the vocational/technical and the academic is an insult to the human personality," he writes. "It is this thinking which produced the comprehensive disaster and has made such a muddle of post-16 training."

Pilkington: post-16 plans "are too vague"

☐ The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association is collaborating with the National Association of Head Teachers on a survey of 4,000 schools to see whether the government's scheme to raise the pay of the best classroom teachers is reaching the right staff. Up to £3,000 can be awarded for top performers under the incentive scheme introduced last year, but the associations believe that the system does not work.

End Egalitarian Delusion (Centre for Policy Studies, 8 Wilfred St, London SW1E 6PL; £5.95)

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MP calls for an army in waiting

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S reserve forces should be formed into a properly equipped "army in waiting" and guaranteed a role in the next conflict, Julian Brazier, Conservative MP for Canterbury, said yesterday in a Bow Group report.

With the regular army facing manpower cuts of 40,000 under the government's defence review, the strength of the reserves should be increased, Mr Brazier said.Reserve forces had proved successful in past conflicts and much greater use was made of them in other countries without conscription. The United States had called up 230,000 reservists for the Gulf war, but Britain called up only a handful.

"The US reserve units have grown in stature while some of our own territorials feel they have lost credibility," the MP said in the report.

It was "foolish to pretend" that all was well with the existing volunteer reserve forces. Many units were under strength, poorly attended and suffered from a high turnover. There was also a shortage of good officers.

Mr Brazier called for reserve formations to be made up out of existing Territorial Army units, which have about 75,000 personnel. "These could be partially equipped with some of the better value (and more cheaply operable) equipment released by reductions in the regular army." These formations could provide "an army in waiting, rather than a second-rate portion of the army in being".

Without a substantial volunteer reserve, Britain's professional forces would become culturally isolated. "The danger is that the nation will gradually lose interest in them, as the wartime and national service generations disappear. It is essential that the wider nation remains involved."

Sharpening the Sword (Julian Brazier, Bow Publications; £8)

Lighthousemen fall to technical tide

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY five centuries of maritime tradition will come to an end within the next five years as manned lighthouses yield to 20th-century automation.

The Corporation of Trinity House, which manages Britain's 82 lighthouses, has been forced by demands from the shipping industry to reduce rising costs to replace the traditional bearded keeper with machines that do the job for half the price.

For Gordon Medlicott, the principal keeper at the Needles lighthouse on the western approaches to the Isle of Wight, "it will be the end of a unique way of life". After 25 years serving on lighthouses all over the coast, "going back to live on dry land is going to require one hell of an adjustment", he said.

Mr Medlicott, aged 49, who began his working life as a merchant seaman, is one of three keepers serving on the Needles, each of whom work one month on and one month off.

"It gives me a great feeling of independence," he said. "We're not tied to the clock like you city boys, and we have most of the day to ourselves."

His wife and two daughters, who have grown accustomed to his monthly disappearances, are eager to see more of him. But Mr Medlicott says: "It has been a rewarding life. I've never been lonely. It's sad to think that it is all coming to an end."

The first recorded lighthouse, the Pharos of Alexandria, was erected in the third century BC. The British, because of their history as a maritime trading nation, have always been conscious of the vital role of lighthouses and still retain a place for them in their affections.

Trinity House was given its charter by Henry VIII in 1514. It was Elizabeth I, however, who gave the corporation the power to erect lighthouses under the provisions of the 1565 Seamen's Act.

The corporation built its first lighthouse at Lowestoft in 1609, although it was many decades before it became responsible for managing all of them.

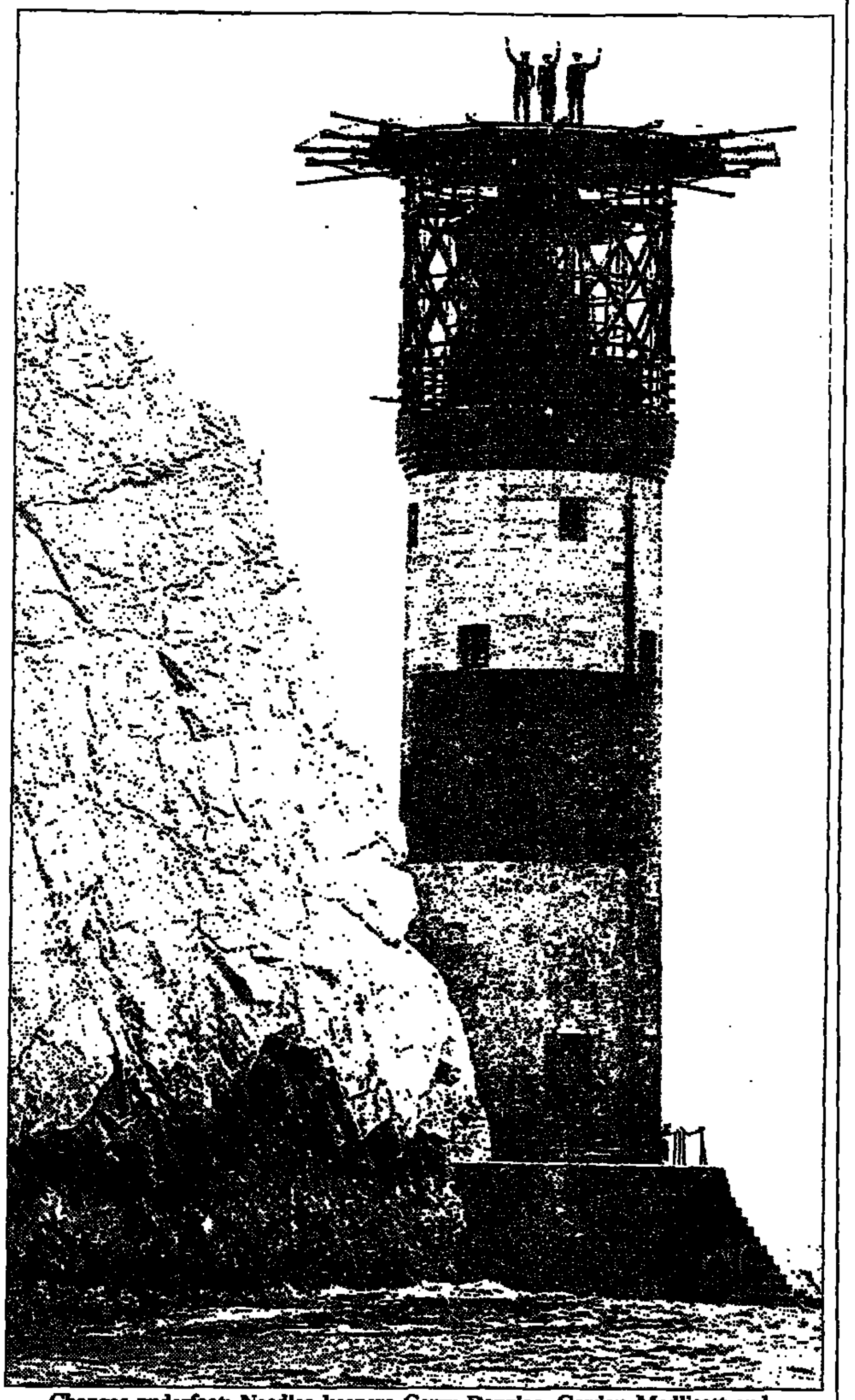
The Needles lighthouse was built in 1859 at a cost of £20,000. As a narrow chalky peninsula rising from jagged rocks to cliffs 400 ft high, the Needles have always been a hazard to ships on their way up the Solent to Portsmouth and Southampton.

The hazard and the lighthouse will remain. But the recently installed helicopter landing pad indicates that the days of its keepers are numbered.

Trinity House spends about £100,000 a year manning each of its offshore lighthouses. Automated equipment, however, which costs £500,000 and will last for 15 years, promises to save the corporation £1 million on each lighthouse over that period. An installation programme began in the late Seventies and is expected to be completed around 1997.

A corporation spokesman said: "The equipment rarely breaks down, and if it does we can get a helicopter out to carry out the necessary repairs within two hours.

"We still receive enquiries about vacancies for lighthouse keepers, mostly from school leavers, retiring seamen and people wanting a mid-life career change," he said. "But we stopped recruiting keepers in 1980 and we don't expect to recruit any more."



Changes underfoot: Needles keepers Gerry Douglas, Gordon Medlicott and John Nelson on the helicopter pad contributing to the end of their work

Top bank chairmen to face Commons enquiry

By SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE chairmen of Britain's four biggest clearing banks have been summoned before a parliamentary enquiry to explain in public their lending policies.

Sir John Quinton, chairman of Barclays, will be questioned by the Commons Treasury and civil service committee on June 19 over complaints that banks are putting higher interest rates on troubled businesses. Although the enquiry will focus on credit given to small and medium-sized companies, the chairmen will also be asked about the availability of credit and level of interest and bank charges to all customers. Dates for hearings with the other chairmen have still to be fixed.

The enquiry coincides with the private sessions between the bank chairmen and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the Treasury over the banks' lending policies.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director of fair trading, defended the banks yesterday in a *Sunday Telegraph* interview by saying that he saw no basis for an Office of Fair Trading investigation into lending charges to small firms. However, Brian Pearse, the new chief executive of the Midland Bank, made clear that he would like OFT to investigate the allegations.

A survey of 250 members of the National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses also disclosed that nearly three quarters of the heads of small firms were unhappy with the service given by their banks. The findings provoked the federation into backing demands for the government to order the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to examine the banks' practices.

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, a long-standing member of the Commons Treasury and civil service committee, said yesterday: "We are not a hanging jury but we are after finding out what is going on. The evidence now is becoming more than anecdotal that they have been increasing their interest rate margins at this very difficult time."

Primates at high church conference

By OUR RELIGIOUS
AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE growing divisions in the Church of England over the ordination of women to the priesthood will be considered at a gathering of more than 400 Anglo-catholic bishops and clergy next month.

The York conference, entitled "Affirming Catholicism", will be attended by the archbishops of Canterbury and York. The presence of both primates is seen by many catholics as a sign of support for the conference, the first of its kind.

The group is being seen as an alternative to other catholic groups within the church which oppose women's ordination. The churchmen, led by the Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Rev Richard Holloway, are leading adherents of the church's catholic wing, which in recent years has been associated with strongly opposing women priests.

The organisers hope the new group will give succour to many catholic clergy, who are struggling to find an identity within the church. Some of these clergy have been dismayed at repeated threats by some traditionalists to leave the church over the issue.

A spokesman said: "It is not a one-issue movement but many supporters of the group wish to affirm their catholicism in the light of their support for women becoming priests in the Church of England." The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will address the conference and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, will preach at a eucharist in York Minster.

Bishop Holloway said that the catholic movement had been defined by its opposition to initiatives. "The largest example of that negative frame of mind is rooted in the opposition to women's ordination," he said. "A lot of people within the catholic tradition feel increasingly unhappy about that. The ordination of women is not the single biggest issue in Christendom. I do not buy the doomsday scenario that the church will fall apart if it happens."

Congregation wins award for restoring rare coats of arms

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A CHURCH whose members restored three rare antique coats of arms they found gathering dust in remote corners of the building has won a conservation award.

St Michael's, Basingstoke, Hampshire, defeated more than 70 contenders for the Cookson Conservation Award, sponsored by the Cookson Group. One of the group's subsidiaries has supplied the lead for church roofing and other building materials since 1704. In making its decision the group took advice from the Victoria and Albert Museum. Canon Clifford Wright, team rector of the church, which dates from the Saxon period, found the royal coats of arms, a charity board and a hatchment a memorial tablet — hidden under gallery stairs and in cupboards. One, in the choir vestry, had been signed by generations of choir boys.

Canon Wright said the restored coats of arms, now in niches around the formerly bare church walls, raised questions about the relationship between the state and Church of England. The church's prize will be the coat of arms of the present Queen, painted by the artist Hamish Moyle.

"There is a lot of theology to be had out of this. The sacred has to be linked to the secular, whether the church is established or disestablished," Canon Wright said.

"These coats of arms are reminders that faith cannot be separated from what the state is up to and what the government is doing."

Royal arms were commanded to be set up in churches after Henry VIII broke with Rome and in 1534 assumed the title of Supreme Head of the Church of England. His intention was to emphasise that the clergy and people should look to the king and not the Pope, and to replace symbols of Roman Catholic worship.

Many coats of arms ended up on the scrap heap during the reign of Mary. Arms were again erected during the reign of Elizabeth I and the St Michael's example is one of the few left from this period. The royal arms had to be displayed in churches after the 1660 restoration but the custom fell into disuse during Victoria's reign.

Canon Wright: found coats of arms and memorial tablet under the gallery stairs and in cupboards

Mixed-faith couples to get help

A SCHEME to help British Jews who marry non-Jewish people has been launched (Ruth Gledhill writes). The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, in northwest London, is to hold regular five-week programmes to offer advice and clarify problems in mixed-faith marriages. The synagogue estimates that 35 per cent of British Jews marry outside their faith. David Goldberg, senior rabbi, said: "We are losing a great reservoir of talent and youth, due to their feeling of rejection by the organised Jewish community."

The synagogue, a member of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which represents 1.5 million Jews worldwide, accords Jewish status to a child who has received a Jewish education and upbringing, even if only one of the parents is Jewish.

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MP calls for enquiry into land sale to Rolls-Royce

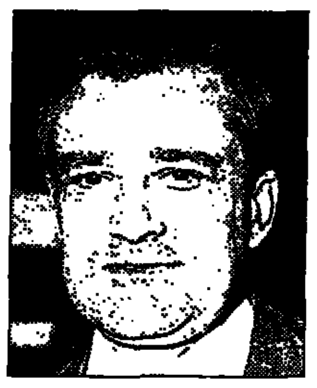
By DAVID YOUNG

THE National Audit Office has been asked to investigate the sale of a prime site within the London green belt by the defence ministry to Rolls-Royce days before the company announced the closure of the factories on it with the loss of 1,700 skilled jobs.

Rolls-Royce is considering how it might develop the 240-acre site at Leavesden, near Watford, Hertfordshire, and next to an important M25 junction. The company may bring in a developer to find an eventual use for the land.

Terry Davis, Labour MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill, has asked the audit office to investigate the sale to find out if the defence ministry was negligent in disposing of a prime site at less than its market value to a sitting tenant who at the time was preparing to move out.

Mr Davis, a member of the Commons public accounts committee, said: "The National Audit Office has been able to investigate some aspects of land sales involved in privatisations in the past and and I hope will be able to find out if the Ministry of Defence received the best possible price in this case. It would be galling to find that Rolls-Royce is able to realise a substantial profit by selling the site shortly after acquiring it."



Davis: wants to know if MoD received best price

The defence ministry said that the sale had been completed early last month, only a day before Rolls-Royce announced the closure of the Leavesden plant, which produces helicopter engines. The ministry would not disclose how much was paid.

Rolls-Royce has occupied the site since the late 1940s on a long lease from the defence ministry. The company was told the land was becoming surplus to requirements and as sitting tenant was given the right to acquire it.

A company spokesman said: "We did not seek to purchase the site, but were offered it by the MoD and exercised our option to buy rather than spend the last year or so at Leavesden paying rent to a new landlord."

The site is described as the "golden triangle" because of its green belt position between the M25 and the M1, but developers who are looking at the area say that planning consent may be given for redeveloping existing buildings or demolishing them and building new ones on the same sites.

The local planning authority, Three Rivers district council, has condemned the closure and is likely to oppose any planning application to develop the site.

Vauxhall launches the green Astra

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

VAUXHALL is to be the first major car maker to manufacture "green" cars in Britain.

All versions of the Astra model, to be launched this summer, will be fitted with a catalytic converter, which cleans up 90 per cent of toxic exhaust emissions, as standard.

Car makers have been slow to use catalytic converters in this country, though they are widespread in Europe, the United States and Japan.

The converters are available for virtually every car on sale in the UK, but only as an option. They cost between £250 and £2,000, depending on the size of the car.

Vauxhall has decided to make the Astra the first British-made, all-catalyst range 18 months in advance of European legislation which will demand tougher emission standards from manufacturers and mean the fitting of catalytic converters to new cars on sale from January 1, 1993.

Vauxhall sells about 100,000 Astras a year, putting it in the top ten most popular cars in the UK. Catalytic converters can run using only unleaded petrol. The makers of the main rivals to the Astra, the Ford Escort and Rover 200, allow motorists to choose which petrol — unleaded or four star — they wish to use.

Vauxhall executives believe that sales will not be hindered because of the growing awareness of environmental issues among motorists. The company says supplies of unleaded petrol are now sufficiently widespread to risk asking Astra owners to use only unleaded fuel.

Audi, Toyota and Volvo were among the first manufacturers to offer cars equipped with catalysts as standard. Audi sales subsequently increased by 10.8 per cent against a national trend of a 12 per cent decline at the end of 1990.

- Drivers throughout the country face a 25p "green levy" each time they have a new car tyre fitted.

The extra charge was sought by dealers to help pay for the environmentally safe disposal of tyres being replaced. The charge, which will be shown as a separate item on the invoice, is being introduced on the recommendation of the Tyre Industry Council.

Richard Edy,the council's secretary, said that most of the 3,000 members of the National Tyre Distributors' Association had decided to implement the 25p fee which is about half of the dealer's disposal costs.

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Walk in the rough: Michael Turner follows a footpath through unspoilt Totteridge countryside, where two 18-hole golf courses are planned

Golf courses get cool welcome in the country

The demands of golfers for more courses is seen by country-dwellers and conservationists as a threat to some of Britain's most beautiful areas. **Michael Horsnell reports**

FROM the back of his Victorian cottage on the common Michael Turner surveys hedgerows planted in the time of George III. The view across the valley has scarcely changed since he adopted the undulating countryside as his boyhood playground between the two world wars.

The delights of Ellern Mede, the 120-acre cattle-breeding farm where Eric Stubbs, a tenant farmer, produced the inter-breed champion at the 1989 Royal Agricultural Show, are unlikely to survive Mr Turner, however. Two 18-hole golf courses, which have a field separating them, are expected to toll the knell of the ancient pastures Mr Turner overlooks as golf becomes the profitable crop of the late twentieth century. Within a four-mile radius of his home at Totteridge, where London and Hertfordshire meet, there are already eight courses.

Mr Turner, aged 66, a retired shoe manufacturer, said: "I am not against golf. But why do we need yet two more courses in a conservation area? The green belt is not intended just for the use of members of a private golf club. I feel very strongly that the natural beauty of this unspoiled countryside should be preserved and not turned into manmade parkland. There are a lot of keen walkers who love the footpaths."

Mr Turner's concern about the proliferation of courses is reflected across Britain in the wake of the report two years ago by the Royal and Ancient golf club at St Andrews, the sport's ruling body, calling for 700 new courses by the year 2,000. The demands of 1.2 million golfers for more facilities have led so far to planning applications by business consortia for more than twice that number. They would cover an area roughly the size of of the Isle of Wight.

In the South-East, where ten-year waiting lists for club membership are common, 380 applications have been made since 1989. The rash of successful applications for new courses, including those for two 18-hole courses in 330 acres surrounding Chawton House, Jane Austen's family house near Alton, Hampshire, has brought the intervention of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE).

The council is urging the government to issue planning guidelines to local authorities to preserve the countryside. The CPRE believes the granting of planning permission for a change of use from agricultural to leisure purposes can bring about the insinuation of ancillary development as conference centres, hotels and expensive housing.

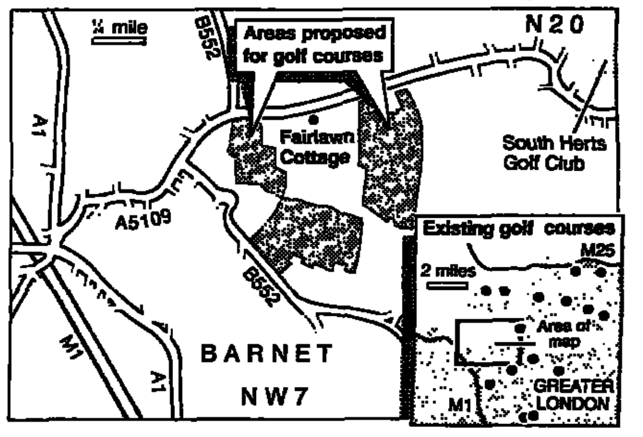
Neil Sinden, CPRE national planning officer, said: "Government guidelines are inadequate and this means the environment is being destroyed. On the fringes of urban areas landscapes can be improved by golf courses. But in sensitive areas landscape can be suburbanised.

"It is easy to get permission for change of use from agriculture to golf because that doesn't entail irreversible loss of land. But what happens is that the new golf course doesn't enjoy the same degree of protection. In this way the protection of agricultural land is watered down." The CPRE says the planning system has been further subverted by the set-aside policy which encourages farmers to make land available for leisure and other uses.

On either side of the footpath at the back of Fairlawn Cottage, where Mr Turner and his wife Rita live, 27 fields will be lost to the nation's agricultural stock if Barnet council approves the two applications. Later this month, Canon John Knowles-Brown and his congregation will beat the bounds of the parish to celebrate the bicentenary of St Andrew's in Totteridge. He fears that traversing the parish perimeter by footpath will not be possible.

The canon, who is chairman of the local residents' association, said: "This is a lung of living countryside only 13 miles from Piccadilly Circus and we don't want it manicured by unnecessary golf courses."

Neither the landowners, their agents, developers or golf architects of the schemes was available for comment. The Sports Council, however, said: "We want to see the demand for golf met though not through clubs it costs an arm and a leg to join. But we are also interested in safeguarding other forms of recreation, including walking, in the countryside. There are conflicting issues."



IRA may have received cash from Irish antiquities sale

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

AN IRISHMAN has been charged with the illegal import and attempted sale of Irish antiquities in Massachusetts after a "sting" type operation by the FBI and Irish police. Proceeds from the operation might have been destined for Noraid, the IRA's American fund-raising arm.

Peter Kenny is accused of sailing his 50ft yacht, Minerva, from Galway to Miami earlier this year with antiquities including two grave stones stolen two years ago from Inchcleraun Island. From Miami, he telephoned the Boston college in Massachusetts, offering the works for sale and asking £1 million for the gravestones.

Mr Kenny is alleged to have told Robert O'Neill, director of the Burns Library at the college, that some of his merchandise was from his family home in Ireland and that he had bought the rest. He added that he was thinking of donating the proceeds to Noraid.

Mr O'Neill, however, sent photographs of the objects to Eamonn Kelly, assistant keeper of antiquities at the National Museum of Ireland, and an energetic tracker of smuggled antiquities. Soon, the FBI and Irish police became involved. Mr O'Neill was persuaded by the FBI to lure Mr Kenny to the college. There, they met an FBI agent posing as a rich benefactor, and Mr Kenny agreed to sell the collection for £256,000. On his return to his motel, however, he was arrested. The gravestones were recovered and a third seized on his yacht.

The Irish police are looking into a possible link between the affair and the disappearance of an early Christian stone carving from Kiltinan church at Fethard, Co Tipperary, on January 9 last year.

The operation is the latest in a series of coups by the Irish museum authorities since the country tightened treasure trove law in 1987. It has always been necessary to obtain an export licence to remove archaeological objects, but until 1987 the fine for not doing so was only £50. Under the new law the penalty is £50,000 and a year's imprisonment. Using metal detectors has also been banned. Seven prosecutions have been successful and two civil actions are in progress with others pending. Instead of proceeding with the relevant punishment, however, the Irish authorities are offering offenders amnesty if they help further investigations.

Mr Kelly said yesterday that smuggling archaeological material was still a big problem in Britain. "There is no effective legislation in Britain to get to grips with the metal detecting problem," he said. "It would improve the situation in England if there was an obligation to report all findings."

Britons seek astronaut corps jobs

THE European Space Agency will this week begin choosing an astronaut corps for missions into the 21st century (Nick Nuttall writes). The 61 applicants include three Britons and four Irish citizens.

The Britons are Helen Sharman, Major Timothy Mace, and Gordon Brooks. They are three of the four final candidates of the Anglo-Soviet Juno mission on which Miss Sharman became the first Briton in space.

Ten candidates will be selected for the corps which will supply astronauts for joint projects on the American space shuttle and, if funds are found, for the crew of Hermes, Europe's planned space plane, and Columbus, its space platform.

Holiday villas plan for Longleat estate

By JOHN YOUNG

PLANS for a 400-acre holiday complex on the Longleat estate, near Warminster, owned by Lord Bath, have been submitted to West Wiltshire district council.

If approved, the project will mark a further stage in the commercial expansion of one of Britain's great stately homes, which began 25 years ago with the introduction of the nation's first safari park. Proposed developers are Center Parcs, which has built two successful tourist villages in Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, and at Elverdon near Newmarket, Suffolk.

Peter Moore, the firm's managing director, said the Longleat plans were based on Dutch projects. They envisage 600 villas in a woodland setting, with sports facilities including tennis and squash courts, and an artificial lake for sailing and windsurfing; shops, restaurants, bars and cafes; and a health farm.

Local objectors have joined forces as the Lovers of Longleat Association and are demanding a public enquiry into the proposed development in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

- Guests attending a dinner at Longleat House to raise funds for injured birds in the Gulf War had their meal interrupted when a light aircraft crashed yards from them. The pilot and the four passengers were treated at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

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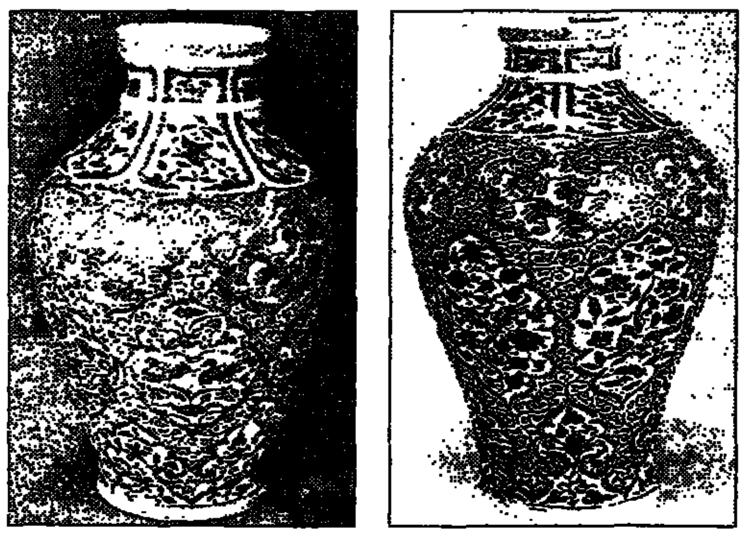
Staying a jump ahead of the fake £500,000 Chinese pot

By JOHN SHAW

HIGH prices for Chinese ceramics at auction are producing "increasingly sophisticated forgeries", Julian Thompson, Sotheby's deputy chairman, said in London yesterday.

A growing problem was the circulation of fake 14th-century Yuan Dynasty blue and white works which, when genuine, were "phenomenally expensive," he said. "For a really good dish you are looking at £500,000." A lot of fake pots from South East Asia had been coming onto the market.

"They can make a lot of money if they are successful and they have been getting pretty close. The painting is good, the shapes are getting better and they are generally becoming more sophisticated. It is worrying, but so far we have managed to stay one jump ahead." Foiling the faker is the subject of a lecture he is giving to the International Ceramics Fair which opens at the Park Lane hotel in London on Friday. His audience will be made up of collectors, curators and dealers, combining a visit with attendance at the season's big ceramics sales at Sotheby's and Christie's.



Spot the fake: a copy, left, of a 14th century Yuan vase at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and right, the real thing

Mr Thompson has been interested in the subject since he was a schoolboy. He takes the firms' twice-yearly sales in Hong Kong where ceramics have shot up in value. Faking a pot was a complex thing "fraught with enormous technical problems". Subtle shades of glaze, perhaps dotted with random brown spots of iron, had to be duplicated perfectly to pass it off as the work of ancient craftsmen. "They were often working the problems out as they went along," he said. "When you compare them with the originals, the modern pots look altogether too slick, too perfect."

Another ploy was to re-enamel white plates, dishes and bowls in *famille rose* decoration to give them the more valuable appearance of early 18th century Yong Sheng. Mr Thompson said he first came across examples about ten years ago. "I made some enquiries about them among the old dealers in Hong Kong. The message came back that these were originally faked in Peking in the 1930s.

"We got one that had not been done properly but instead of jumping on it and trying again, the faker let it creep out. When you once see something like that you begin to look at others more critically. But here the faker has to have a supply of 'blanks', or old white pieces to start with."

Chinese Celadon wares were entirely different. Japanese forgeries of these were, he said, very good indeed. "The glaze is often perfect and the shape is good but the foot rim, where you can see the clay, gives the game away. Genuine pieces would be less perfectly refined than modern examples."

Mr Thompson said the collector could be a match for the faker if he trained himself to look at things properly and made the right cross-checks. "I believe that with study you can detect 99 per cent of fakes."

"The trouble is that when people are offered a pot they get excited. They think they are getting something cheap. They want a bargain and they buy impulsively. Then they feel let down when it is wrong. It's always worth the trouble to look carefully."

- A leaded glass and bronze "peony" lamp by Tiffany Studios fetched the top price of $110,000 (£68,750) in a sale of 20th century decorative art at Christie's in New York at the weekend.

Dog attack man may get award for bravery

A man who tried to beat off a pit bull terrier with his walking stick when two of the dogs savaged a bakery worker has been recommended for a bravery award.

The recommendation to honour the man, who wishes to remain anonymous, has been made by Neville Ovens, the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire. Two other members of the public and a police officer who also tried to rescue Frank Tempest, aged 54, of Lincoln, from his 30-minute ordeal are to receive other awards.

Mr Tempest was walking home in the early hours last month when received severe face injuries which necessitated a month in hospital. One of the dogs was shot by police.

Guard sues over TV crime film

A bank customer is suing police and a television company after the wrong security video was shown twice on *Crimestoppers* programmes, which claimed he had passed fake Dutch guilders across the counter.

The HTV programme showed Tom Robins, a security guard, changing money at his local bank in Newport, Gwent. He has issued a High Court writ for compensation.

College blues

Downing College, Cambridge, has sold only two-thirds of the £150 double tickets for its May ball and is blaming the recession. Organisers say other colleges have been hit too.

Dors honoured

A £25,000 bronze statue of Diana Dors the actress was put in position at her home town of Swindon, Wiltshire, yesterday and will be unveiled on Friday by David Puttnam the film director.

Chalet death

A Pontins holiday camp leader died in a fire in his chalet at Morecambe, Lancashire, yesterday. He was not expected to be named until today.

Rugby study

The University of Wales has awarded an £800 grant to Professor Gareth Elwyn Jones to investigate whether grammar school closures are responsible for the declining standard of Welsh rugby.

Booted out

Motorists on Tyneside, the worst area for car thefts outside London, are fitting their vehicles with "Denver boots" — wheel clamps costing between £70 and £135 — to deter criminals.

Woman hurt

A woman received head, neck and leg injuries yesterday when she was in collision with an ambulance at Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. It was not on an emergency call.

Silent singer

Terence Sharpe, a professional opera singer who had lost his voice, acted his role in Verdi's *Nabucco* at Sheffield's Lyceum Theatre while an amateur, Simon Theobald, sang from the orchestra pit.

Work horses

Sweden takes delivery of its first English shire horse this week to breed the animals for forestry work in place of tractors.

Bond winners

Winners in the National Savings Premium Bonds weekly draw are: £100,000, 11FL 499873, winner lives in Mid Glamorgan; £50,000, 18CT 304675, Manchester; £25,000, 7TS 238998, Barnsley.

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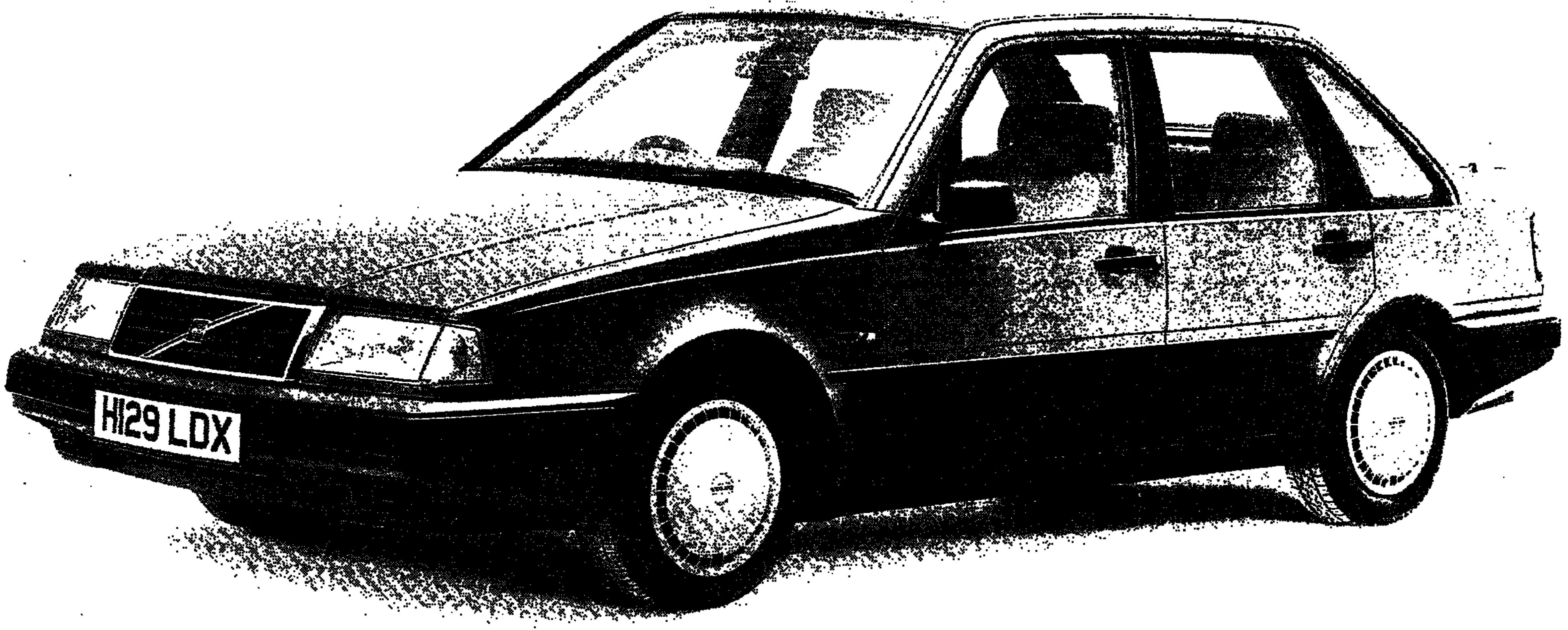

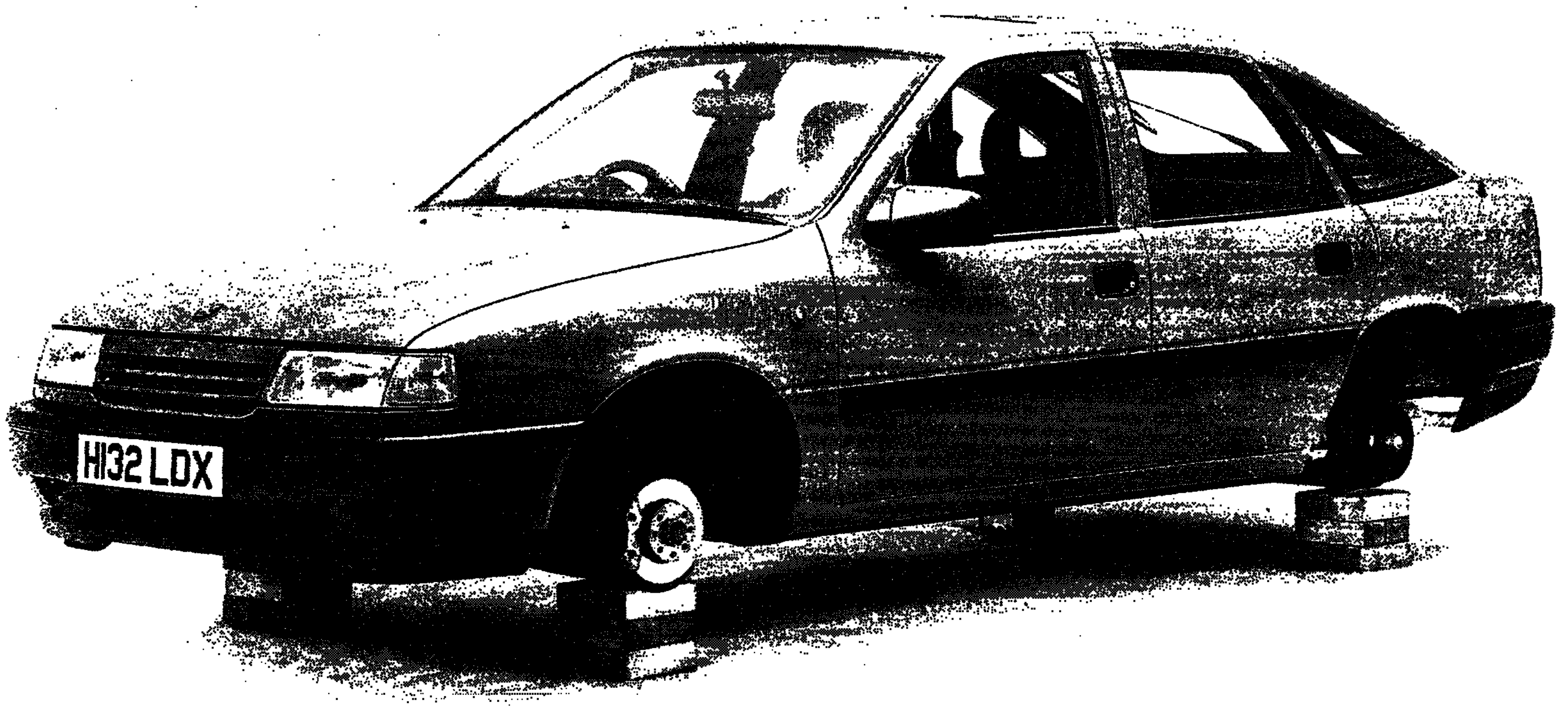

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Black Africa signals the way forward for Pretoria

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

IN A breakthrough for Pretoria's links with black Africa, aircraft of South African Airways are flying over West African territory, for the first time in nearly 30 years, instead of making a detour over the ocean on their way to and from Europe.

It saves more than an hour and 10 tons of fuel on the Johannesburg-London route, but the breakthrough is as important politically to South Africa as it is economically to the airline. SAA waited until two flights, one each way, were successfully completed before announcing its new routing over Morocco, Mauritania, Mali, the Ivory Coast and Namibia.

The announcement came as President de Klerk received what the state-controlled South African Broadcasting Corporation cloyingly described as "a welcome as warm as this tropical country is humid" when he arrived in Nairobi for talks with President Moi of Kenya.

The visit, the first to Kenya by a South African head of state since the National party came to power in 1948, could not have been more opportune for Mr de Klerk. It followed last week's Organisation of African Unity summit in Nigeria at which Kenya headed a minority group calling for an easing of sanctions.

According to Govan Mbeki, international affairs spokesman of the African National Congress, quoted in the Johannesburg *Sunday Times* yesterday, the OAU is poised to drop sanctions progressively from the beginning of next month. Visible steps to end violence and the final scrapping of all remaining apartheid legislation would bring this about, he said.

Although this is in direct conflict with stated ANC policy, the newspaper quoted Mr Mbeki as saying that the main dispute at the OAU summit over sanctions was timing. He said: "Basically, it was matter of when the OAU should make any announcement that it might want to make."

Gert van der Veer, chief executive of SAA, said yesterday he believed it was only a matter of time before it resumed direct flights to Australia and the United States.

Moi frees ailing opponent

From AP
in Nairobi

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya has ordered the release of Kenneth Matiba, a former cabinet minister detained in last year's purge of government opponents, who recently suffered a stroke.

A short bulletin on the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation gave no reason for release. Mr Matiba had been under guard at the Nairobi hospital where he was admitted on June 4.

His release came two days after his wife, Eunice, and his two daughters issued a statement appealing to President Moi to free her husband so he could go to Britain for medical treatment. "We repeat our appeal to the government to respect the sanctity of human life and permit all necessary medical attention," they said.

On the same day, Paul Muite, chairman of the Law Society of Kenya and Mr Matiba's lawyer, described his client's condition as "a matter of grave concern". Prison authorities had not allowed him the medicine prescribed by his doctor.

Seeking salvation: a young Ethiopian woman reading from a prayer book during a service at a Coptic Christian church in war-ravaged Addis Ababa yesterday

De Klerk raises trade hopes

From Reuter in Nairobi

IN TALKS with President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya, President de Klerk proposed that Africa should be divided into a network of trade blocs to obtain its share of world prosperity. He also spoke of winds of change blowing across Africa and said that soon there would be total democracy in South Africa.

Mr de Klerk said on Saturday, after three hours of talks with Mr Moi, that South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria and Egypt could be the leaders of four interlocking trading regions that could compete against a united Europe.

"We feel that we can play a constructive role in interaction with other fairly prosperous countries, such as Kenya," he said. "I think it is important that we should have specific interaction with what could be described as other regional powers."

Mr de Klerk noted that South Africa's 1990 gross domestic product of $120 billion (£74 billion) almost equalled the $130 billion GDP of all the other 40 sub-Saharan countries. Pretoria sources have expressed increasing concern that Africa's economic decline and the opening of markets in Europe could cut access to aid and investment capital. Mr de Klerk said economic and technical co-operation could help protect Africa's place in the world economy.

South African and Kenyan ministers of trade, industry, agriculture and energy met on Saturday to identify areas for potential co-operation when sanctions on South Africa are lifted. "The foundation is there now," said Org Marais, the South African trade and industry minister. "I expect things to start moving soon."

Government sources said Mr de Klerk wanted to visit Nigeria soon, in another move to open the way to economic co-operation in Africa.

Island of tears lures tourists

South Africa is trying to transform a penal colony for political prisoners into a haven for wildlife, **Gavin Bell** writes from Robben Island

The wind-blown outcrop of shale and limestone off the southern tip of Africa hides its scars well. Beneath its mantle of flora lie three centuries of grief, loneliness and despair, interspersed with displays of courage and cruelty.

In its gloomy history as a den of lepers, lunatics and lawbreakers, Robben Island is preparing to become a haven for wildlife and tourists. The improbable transformation follows the recent departure of its last political prisoners, and a decision by Pretoria to declare it an area of national heritage. About 280 common criminals remain, and 600 are due to join them, but eventually the prisoners will be outnumbered by conservationists and holiday-makers.

Wandering around this once forbidden place, one is aware of the ghosts in the lepers' graveyard, in churches built by madmen and murderers, and in the empty corridors of the refurbished maximum-security prison with its panoply of razor-wire and watchtowers. Robben Island has more dreadful memories despite its notoriety in recent years as the penitentiary of Nelson Mandela and his colleagues in the struggle against apartheid. George Foster, arriving in Table Bay with Captain James Cook in 1775, recorded: "This island is a barren and sandy spot, where many murderers and miscreants are confined by the Dutch East India Company. Among them, however, there are some unhappy victims of the merciless ambitions of these merchants." Inhabitants in the 17th century included a "free-born" woman who had been flogged, branded with an iron and banished to the island for 12 years for stealing two cows. An executioner received a bonus for breaking limbs, pinching with hot tongs, decapitating and "quartering and hanging up the pieces".

British colonial authorities used the island to incarcerate defiant Xhosa chiefs during the 19th century Kaffir wars — the Xhosa wars of resistance — with marginally less severity. Insolence and mutinous conduct was punishable by 39 strokes with a cat-o'-nine-tails and lengthy periods in the "black hole".

The "gate of tears" through which generations of lepers passed until the colony was closed in 1931 has crumbled, and the little mortuary they built from local stone now serves as a bank. Their cemetery, sheltered by bluegum and cypress trees, is in decay. Worn letters on broken crosses record the deaths of emaciated figures such as Caroline Howell, who "fell asleep in Jesus, aged 31 years". The last lunatics were transferred to the mainland in 1913, leaving no trace of their presence.

The highlight of a media tour last week was Mr Mandela's former cell, a tiny room with barely enough space for a single bed, and three small, metal lockers and a bookcase. A barred window looks on to a clay tennis court surrounded by high walls, with two wooden benches sheltered by a vine-covered trellis. Those who sought traces of Mr Mandela's 18-year presence were disappointed. All the cells were freshly painted, diluting the aura of racist repression with a an image of humane justice. Despite its new image, one leaves Robben Island to its searchlights and screeching gulls with a shudder and relief.

'Chariots of Fire' hero is honoured

Hong Kong — The spirit of Eric Liddell, the 1924 Olympic gold medallist and the hero of David Puttnam's film, *Chariots of Fire*, was honoured yesterday in a moving ceremony in an otherwise ordinary school in a provincial Chinese town (Jonathan Braude writes).

A piper from the St Andrew's Society of Hong Kong played the first eight bars of *Scotland the Brave*, as it was played to Liddell before his record-breaking 400-metre run at the 1924 Olympics. A stone, dedicated to the athlete-turned-missionary and carved of granite from the Scottish island of Mull, was placed by the Eric Liddell Foundation, set up to promote cross-cultural links between students from Britain, Hong Kong and China.

Liddell died at the school in February 1945 when it was a Japanese prison camp.

Miners found

Johannesburg — Rescue workers have reached 26 miners trapped 200ft underground at Emaswati coal mine in Swaziland after a rockfall on Saturday. The first of the trapped miners, none of whom was injured, was brought to the surface by a recue rig rushed to the mine from South Africa. *(AFP)*

Envoy leaves

Colombo — David Gladstone, the British High Commissioner, left Sri Lanka for a four-day holiday in the Maldive Islands before returning to Britain, 11 days after he was declared *persona non grata* by the Sri Lankan government and expelled for making complaints about election irregularities. *(Reuter)*

Barren slopes

Sydney — Skiers flocked to Australian winter sports resorts in New South Wales and Victoria for the opening of the season only to find barren slopes and driving rain. Artificial snow-making machines could not be used because of the high temperatures. *(AP)*

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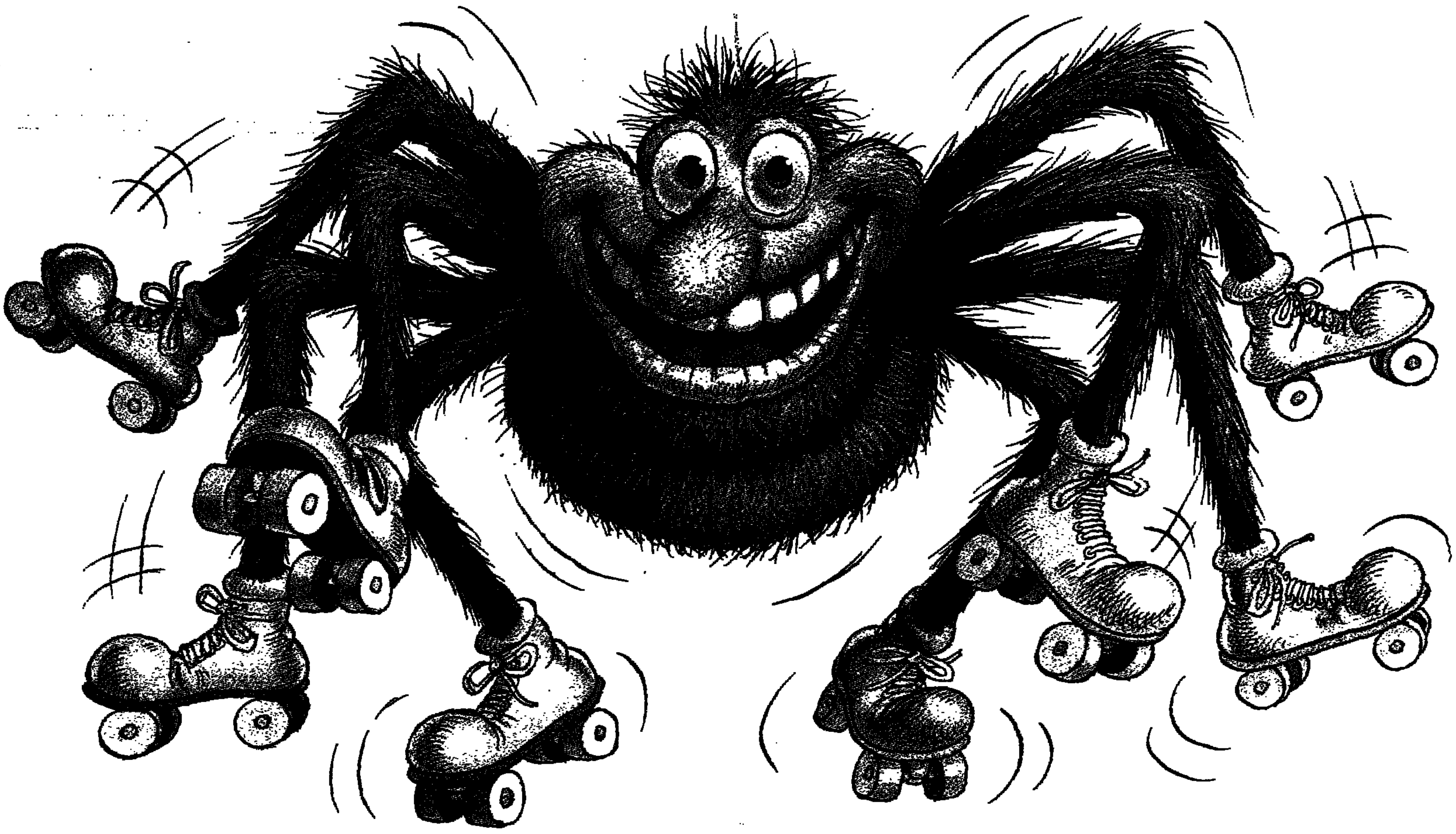

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American planes quit Philippines base as volcano erupts

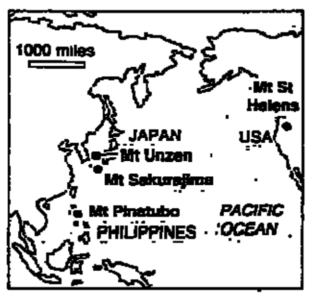
By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE volcanoes which lie on the "ring of fire" that encircles the Pacific Ocean were yesterday threatening further destruction.

In the Philippines a volcano, which had been dormant for 600 years, moved closer to a big eruption, sending a six-mile stream of boiling mud and lava down a dry river bed at speeds of up to 50mph. More than 15,000 people living close to Mount Pinatubo, north of Manila, were evacuated last week when earth tremors and gas emerging from the volcano gave warning that an eruption might be imminent.

Raymundo Punonbayan, the director of the Philippine Institute of Vulcanology and Seismology, said yesterday there had been an explosion on the volcano. "There is an eruption in progress, but it may not be the major eruption. The instability of Pinatubo is very high."

All planes were flown out of Clark air base, the American base 10 miles east of the volcano, said the US Air Force spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Ron Rand. Commanders were considering evacuating American citizens from the base early today. The 16,000 troops and dependants could be moved to the Subic Bay naval base, 40 miles from Pinatubo.



In Japan, the volcano that erupted a week ago, killing at least 38 people, exploded again on Saturday night, sending lava, gas and debris across tobacco fields, farmhouses and the outskirts of the town of Shimabara. The eruption of Mount Unzen burned 73 houses which had been evacuated the day before, and rolled to within a mile of a densely populated area along the shore. No casualties were reported. Nearly 10,000 people have left their homes at the foot of Mount Unzen.

Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, yesterday visited some of the 2,900 evacuees being housed in gymnasiums and schools in Shimabara, a city of 45,000 people about 600 miles south of Tokyo. Others were with relatives or friends.

The government's Central Meteorological Agency said it had recorded nine small earthquakes and 74 tremors at the volcano yesterday after three quakes and 91 tremors on Saturday. Japanese vulcanologists gave a warning that there may be worse to come. A huge dome of solidified lava was building up in the Unzen crater, increasing pressure and threatening a more explosive eruption. There were also warnings that Mount Sakurajima, 85 miles south-east of Unzen, was showing signs of life in what may be the start of an eruption.

Rail pile-up: a rescue worker passing the crumpled coaches of an express train after it ran at more than 100mph into a stationary goods train at Ghotki railway station, 400 miles from Karachi, on Saturday killing more than 100 passengers and injuring 200. Pakistan's crack Tezrao express began its journey from Karachi to Rawalpindi with over 1,000 passengers on board on Friday evening. Most of the passengers were asleep when it rammed the goods train early Saturday (Zahir Hussain writes from Islamabad). "I woke up after a big bang. There was a lot of panic and people were crying for help," said Mohammed Ali, who was travelling to Rawalpindi with his family. Nine of the train's 18 overcrowded carriages were totally destroyed in the second worst crash in Pakistan's history. Hundreds of soldiers were rushed to the scene of from a nearby military base to help with the rescue work. Hizar Khan Bijarani, Pakistan's minister for the railways, who went to the scene, said that the possibility of sabotage could not be ruled out. The accident took place barely 30 miles from Sangi railway station where more than 400 people were killed in January last year in a similar collision between a passenger train and a stationary goods train.

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India poll heads for stalemate

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA appears to be heading for a hung parliament as voting is completed in the postponed general election this week. However, Congress (I) is certain to emerge as the biggest single party.

Enthusiasm for the poll, stalled by Rajiv Gandhi's assassination nearly three weeks ago and slowed by the heat of the first summer parliamentary elections, has been further sapped by intensified security around leading politicians. Many contenders have abandoned the campaign trail. Others keep crowds at a distance. Bouquets and garlands have become objects of suspicion in case they hide a bomb. Some leading politicians in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, where Gandhi was killed, are refusing to appear in public, saying it is too dangerous.

Congress has managed to contain its leadership battle until the election is over. Latest indications are that it is improving its position in northern India, while it is set to dominate the south. Once the poll is completed the party will face fundamental questions about its future direction. There is growing pressure from lower-ranking party officials to allow MPs to choose the next parliamentary leader by secret ballot, rather than allowing Delhi insiders to make the choice behind closed doors.

The coterie that surrounded Gandhi hopes that his widow, Sonia, will anoint a successor.

Monsoon pounds Bombay

Delhi — Torrential rains pounded Bombay at the weekend, toppling houses, killing at least seven people and leaving an estimated 100,000 homeless, the Press Trust of India said. The weather bureau recorded 14 inches of rain, surpassing a 38-year record.

The onset of the monsoon paralysed public transport, halted operations at the port and forced the cancellation of domestic flights. The airport runway was reported to be waterlogged and visibility poor. A British Airways flight from London was diverted to Delhi. Fishermen were told not to venture out and trawlers that had already gone out were still to return. *(AFP)*

Kwangju protest

Seoul — Tens of thousands of chanting demonstrators thronged the main square of Kwangju for the funeral of a South Korean high school pupil who committed suicide in an anti-government protest. A crowd of more than 30,000 chanted "Down with the murderous regime of (president) Roh Tae Woo" as the flag-draped coffin of Kim Chul Soo, aged 18, wended its way among them. *(Reuter)*

Playing out

Peking — The official *China Youth News* has suggested that prosecutions for noise pollution should be mounted against bored bands which have taken to livening up funerals with popular tunes like *I Can't Go On Living This Way* and *Love is Like a Song.* *(Reuter)*

Sour grapes at a peshmerga feast

From ADAM KELLIHER IN DAHUK, NORTHERN IRAQ

IT WAS an unusual party, and not just because of the sheep's eyeballs and whisky. Hunger, thirst, Kurdish fears for the future and Western soldiers' concern for their charges combined in a surreal encounter in northern Iraq this weekend between the aristocracy of the Kurdish region and the commanders of the coalition forces.

The Kurds had come down from the hills to express their gratitude to the allies and appeal for the troops to extend the security zone across Kurdish lands towards Iran. The commander of the allied forces, General John Shalikashvili, rejected the plea, but this did not stop the two sides from going on to an outdoor restaurant in Dahuk.

Senior officers representing the military forces of America, Britain, France, Spain and Italy appeared, their uniforms in contrast to the vibrant medieval robes and headgear of the mountain men. The vital ingredient in this meeting between feudal warriors and the warriors of the industrialised world was chilled German ale. "This is the first beer I have had since I was deployed in Saudi Arabia in September," said one young American officer.

General Shalikashvili had set a party mood by telling the tribal leaders that his soldiers loved the Kurdish people, and "you do not abandon someone you love". The question on Kurdish minds was: would they be left to fend for themselves? None the less, Kurdish hospitality is hard to exceed, and this was an evening of excess. The 50 guests sat down at a long table, a bottle of whisky for every six people.

Many soldiers voiced concern for the Kurds. Some officers are now worried that they may be ordered to leave now that Kurdish aspirations are lower on the political agenda at home. "There have to be some guarantees, but outside the UN," said an American colonel vehemently. "We just can't believe how bad the UN are. They just have no concept of how to operate. All they can do is raise flags."

Waiters delivered six lambs, sheep's scrotums stuffed with rice, and a stewed sheep's head complete with eyeballs. The peshmerga are not meant to drink, but many took the night off. One rebel, with a face ruddied by whisky, took a fancy to a British relief worker, raising his offer from a new wardrobe to a vacation anywhere if she would return with him to his mountain keep.

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Pope ends Polish visit with sights on Moscow

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

THE Pope yesterday wound up a nine-day pilgrimage to his homeland with sharp criticism of Polish anti-Semitism and a call for religious tolerance. "All local churches, including the Polish church, should overcome the damaging stereotypes, established patterns and prejudices that still linger on," the Pope told members of the Polish Jewish community yesterday.

The Pope, who returned to Rome last night, used his tour for two main purposes. One was to knock on the doors of the Soviet Union. Vatican sources have confirmed the Pope is preparing for a visit to the Soviet Union, probably next year, that will take in the Roman Catholics of Lithuania, the Uniate catholics of the Ukraine and the Russian orthodox hierarchy in Moscow.

His second task was to show Poland, and through the Poles the rest of eastern Europe, that their new political freedom could only be preserved if it contained a moral and spiritual dimension. His most unambiguous message was against the Borsch, a call repeated yesterday. This time the Pope appealed to men not to pressure women into terminating pregnancies.

The Pope indicated to diplomats on Saturday that he wanted other countries to follow Poland's example in drafting strict anti-abortion legislation. The Pope's long-term hope is that the traditional, and strong, Catholic Church of Poland would help to boost the flagging spirituality of the west.

Police announced at the weekend that several Poles had been detained and were being interrogated after the discovery of a cache of over 20 guns, two-way radios and other equipment that might have been part of a criminal conspiracy against the Pope.

● **Bucharest:** Soviet Jews may be resettled in Romania, according to the popular weekly *Europa*. The paper says 200,000 immigrants are to be settled in villages in Transylvania vacated by ethnic Germans now emigrating (Tim Judah writes).

The report is part of a new and sustained anti-Semetic attack by Romania's ultra-nationalist press and has sounded alarm bells. Moses Rosen, Romania's chief rabbi, says he is not surprised. "I've been warning about this ever since the revolution," he said, "But too many people did not take me seriously."

While *Europa* has led attacks against the Jews over the past six weeks, it has now been joined by the influential weekly *Romania Mare*. "While there are only 20,000 Jews left in Romania, 5,000 of them are in the country's leadership . . . the heads of TV and radio are all Jews, and in parliament it rains Jews by the buckets," it wrote.

In the current tough economic climate many Romanians are inclined to believe all manner of conspiracy stories, especially if they ascribe the origin of their country's misfortunes to others. "Their permanent vocation remains the imposing of their religion and order over the people of the whole world," said *Europa*. The Romanian government last week condemned anti-Semitism, but it may find itself pushing against the prevailing tide.

Leningrad name game intensifies

Moscow — Debate whether Leningrad should revert to its original name of St Petersburg sharpened at the weekend when President Gorbachev and the head of the Russian Orthodox Church expressed opposing views (Mary Dejevsky writes).

In a written answer to a question from *Pravda*, Mr Gorbachev said there was "no political or moral basis" for returning to the old name. "A great city bears the name of a great man," he said.

But yesterday the head of the Orthodox Church, Patriarch Aleksiy, issued an appeal to restore the original name. "Leningrad is just a casing, an ideological carcass, into which the city founded by Peter the Great was ordered to fit." The people of Leningrad vote on Wednesday on whether the city's name should be changed.

Border incident

Vilnius — Soviet Black Beret special troops burned a border post between Latvia and the Russian Federation and beat up a guard only hours after Soviet and Latvian delegates had agreed not to use force. The group reportedly also threatened Estonian guards but were deterred by police.

Belgrade protest

Belgrade — Thousands of anti-Communist demonstrators chanting "Red Bandits" gathered in Belgrade's city centre to demand new elections in Serbia. The protest, organised by the United Serbian Democratic Oppostion, was aimed "to topple the Serbian Bolshevik regime", said Serbian opposition leaders. *(AP)*

Splashing out: Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, during the broaching of a draught beer in the Salinemuseum in his home town of Halle

Italians vote on electoral change to beat fraudsters

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

ITALIANS voted yesterday in a referendum which seeks to change the electoral system to reduce the chances of electoral fraud and to cut down the influence of the Mafia in politics.

By late afternoon it was still uncertain whether at least 50 per cent of Italy's 47 million voters would cast their votes to make the referendum valid.

Beyond its stated specific purpose, the referendum is widely seen as a clash between an entrenched and apathetic political establishment and an increasingly disgruntled electorate that has grown tired hearing its politicians talk about "institutional reforms" for over a decade without ever taking any concrete steps.

The change proposed by the referendum may appear a minor one but, according to its supporters, would be an important first step in electoral reform. When Italians vote they draw a cross on the symbol of the party of their choice. Underneath, on the ballot sheet, they have four dotted lines on which they can, if they wish, fill in the names or numbers on the electoral listings of members of that party to whom they wish to give a "preference".

This leads to a brisk trade in "preferences" and patronage after each election. It also allows groups of votes to be identified. A local Mafia chief, for instance, who orders his local "subjects" to vote for a certain party with a specific sequence of preferences can then go to the party leadership and say, "Look, I've brought you these votes".

It also leaves space for fraud by corrupt scrutineers, who can add another number to a single digit preference or fill in blank dotted lines. At a recent election in the Naples area in which 60,000 ballot sheets were found to have been tampered with, one candidate somehow received more preferences than the total votes collected by his party.

Opponents of the referendum, mainly some Christian Democrats and most of the Socialist party, see the vote as usurping the right and duty of the established political system to make any changes that need to be made. They have called on Italians not to vote, so that the 50 per cent quorum is not reached.

Antonio Gava, a former interior minister and a prominent Christian Democrat with an electoral constituency in the Naples area, has advised the citizenry: "Don't vote, go to the seaside instead. There are also rumours that in parts of southern Italy Mafia bosses are putting pressure on voters to stay away from the polls. Indro Montanelli, the doyen of Italian liberal journalism, and possibly the nation's most respected political commentator, recently told Italians: "If you don't vote you will never again have the right to criticise your politicians."

The results are expected by this afternoon. Whatever the outcome it will certainly bring about yet another Italian political storm.

Yeltsin touches base with loyal city

From BRUCE CLARK IN SVERDLOVSK

A BEAM spread across Boris Yeltsin's face as his plane touched down at Sverdlovsk airport. With the theatrical manner of a folksy American politician he sometimes resembles, the Russian leader declared: "This is my land."

With three days to go before his probable election to the executive presidency of the Russian Federation, Mr Yeltsin has come to touch base with his homeland, the dreary industrial city of 1.3 million people where he spent most of his career. His visit here is more of a gracious gesture to his most loyal supporters than an attempt to win new hearts and minds. In Sverdlovsk there can scarcely be any more hearts and minds to win. A recent opinion poll found that 78 per cent of the city's residents were certain to vote for Mr Yeltsin, while another 17 per cent were undecided. None of the other five candidates (including Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former prime minister who used to run the city's biggest factory, Uralmash) received support from more than 2 per cent of the population.

While intellectuals in Moscow see Mr Yeltsin as an unlikely but welcome convert to the cause of pro-Western liberalism, the people of Sverdlovsk have a possibly more realistic image of him. Here, he is seen as an *apparatchik* with a difference: a tough, no-nonsense, former Communist party boss who puts extraordinary demands on his staff, but also goes to unusual lengths to keep in touch with ordinary people.

In the late 1970s, when personal popularity was the last thing that most Communist party bosses cared about, Mr Yeltsin would astonish the residents of Sverdlovsk by the frequency of his appearances on television and at public meetings. "He came to address us at our university and thought nothing of spending five solid hours answering students' questions," recalls one inhabitant who has been an admirer of his ever since.

Stories about the seamier side of Mr Yeltsin's life, such as the mystery plane crash in Spain, and the peculiar duckings in Moscow rivers, cause some embarrassment among his supporters in Moscow, but here seem to add to his image as an invincible strongman. "It's just as well he didn't have a plane crash in Russia, or the doctors would probably have killed him," was a typical comment.

Yesterday Mr Yeltsin broke off a campaign meeting with workers to visit his seriously-ill mother. "She is in a critical state and is now in hospital. I don't know how it is all going to turn out," he told the meeting.

Commerce stirs slowly back to life in Moscow

Mary Dejevsky goes shopping and discovers that luxuries — and the roubles to buy them — are making an appearance in Soviet shops

EVERYONE knows two things about Moscow: the shops are bare and the rouble is worthless. But in the past couple of weeks or so, something has started to change on both fronts: not all the shops are bare and by no means all roubles are worthless. You just need a vast number of them to make a difference.

The shadowy impression of a changing commercial scene was borne out at the weekend by several discoveries. *Izvestia* published a photograph on its front page of a long queue at the city centre's only remaining *bureau de change*. Such a photograph, as the accompanying article made plain, would have been unthinkable until recently.

"No one in his right mind," it said bravely, "would have changed money at the ludicrous official rate, but now even Soviet citizens are changing hard currency into roubles." Whereas the counter used to handle only 20 or so transactions a day, it now handles around 300. No one asks where the hard currency has come from.

The second discovery was the encroachment of so-called "commercial" shops into Soviet shopping space. They are a development of the former second-hand shops, where people could bring goods, usually scarce goods, and have them sold "on commission". Now, "commercial" shops are springing up everywhere. Their range of goods is limited and tends to the tawdry: poorly made clothes, shoes and accessories run up in co-operative sweatshops; imported electronic goods, from video recorders to electric drills, Western cigarettes, spirits and perfume. But such items have never been available to Russians before, except on the black market.

Many more people look than buy. Some object vociferously that the stalls and their prices are "a derision of the working class". But a few buy, returning to the state those bundles of roubles that have done the rounds of the black market for more than a decade.

The third discovery came when we went shopping, without queuing, and returned several thousand roubles poorer, but with an impressive number of parcels to show for our efforts. This was not shopping for basics. All staple groceries, except bread, still require either ration coupons or hours in queues, or both. But "luxury goods" are making a sporadic return to the shops after an absence of 20 years or more.

A local newspaper in Siberia is even publishing a regular feature explaining to readers the terms for particular items of delicatessen that have not been on sale in their lifetime. On Saturday, tins of red caviare, marinaded salmon and smoked sturgeon were on open sale in state-stores at the new state prices. Art studios and salons are also making a comeback, with prices in roubles which make classic Russian handicrafts for the first time accessible.

There is ample cause for resentment. The difference between "commercial" prices and "state" prices may be a factor of 100, allowing the ideologically orthodox or less well-off to speak of unhealthy social divisions.

Given a choice between the black and the open market, however, Muscovites are taking the legal option, and mostly with a good grace. The arsonists who blighted the first co-operative ventures five years ago have left the "commercial" shops alone.

Sign of the past: it says "no bread", but luxuries are beginning to seep back into Moscow's shops

Kuwait's death sentence on collaborator rekindles fears

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

CONTROVERSY over Kuwait's postwar human rights record has been rekindled by the imposition of the first death sentence on a collaborator in the continuing trials which have soured the military victory for many Western governments.

The death sentence was passed on Saturday only hours after the American ambassador had delivered a stern warning to the Kuwaiti authorities to end torture and rid themselves of the legacy of Iraqi human rights abuses.

As Gulf victory parades were about to begin in the United States, a martial law court ordered Mankhi al-Shammari, a stateless Arab, to be hanged for joining an Iraqi militia during the occupation. No witnesses were heard in the court, nor was the evidence against the defendant presented aloud. He claimed he had joined up only because of Iraqi threats to his family.

Like scores of other defendants in the trials already condemned by Western human rights organisations, Shammari, a Beduin, pleaded not guilty. Defence lawyers allege that his confession was obtained through torture or duress. No trials in martial law courts, say Western observers, have improved in conduct since they began on May 19, and there is still no right of appeal.

Kuwait's prosecutor-general, Hamad al-Othman, said at the weekend that he was investigating up to eight complaints of torture by police in the round-up of suspected collaborators and promised to protect anyone wanting to file similar charges but too frightened to go to the police. "We feel hurt about the cases you mention, and want to investigate because we do not like these things happening, because what happened to us with the Iraqis was bad, and we do not want bad things to happen to other people", Mr Othman told foreign reporters who were granted visas to report the trials.

A prominent defence lawyer said later that a number of security officers would go on trial soon for torturing defendants accused of collaboration. "I know of three of them who are being investigated because of complaints from my client," said Dukhi al-Hasban. "But there are more."

One Jordanian has said his investigators made him drink his own blood, and a Kuwaiti who was operated on before he was arrested said his captors made sure they beat him on the spot of the incision. "The problem is that people are ignorant of their rights," Mr Hasban said. "All they had to do was to tell the judge they were tortured and he would take care of it."

Britain may build big Saudi military base

From AP IN RIYADH

CONSTRUCTION of a big military city in southern Saudi Arabia may start soon as part of a British deal with the desert kingdom.

British officials yesterday refused to give a timetable, but said progress had been made in weekend talks between the Saudi Defence minister, Prince Sultan, and Alan Thomas, the British defence ministry's head of export services, on the Yamamah, or Dove, arms project. The project comprises two separate deals on arms purchases and construction of military bases worth a total of £20 billion.

The first pact, signed in 1985, provided for Saudi Arabia to receive 72 Tornado jet fighters, 30 Hawk jet trainers and 30 Swiss-made Pilatus PC9 propeller-driven trainers. The British officials said that most of that equipment has been delivered.

Details of the second deal have never been fully disclosed, but reportedly concern more aircraft plus weapons systems, spare parts, training programmes and six minehunting ships. It also provides for a subsidiary of British Aerospace, the Dutch firm Ballast Nedam, to construct bases. The Saudis want to speed up construction of military complexes with hardened shelters, which proved vital in the Gulf War.

Madani: the army must return to its barracks

Call to end state of siege

From REUTER IN ALGIERS

TWENTY people, including children and two women, have died in the political unrest that brought a state of siege to Algeria, according to Abbassi Madani, the leader of the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front. But the reasons for the state of siege, imposed last Wednesday after violent demonstrations over the planned general elections, were now gone and it should be lifted, he said.

"It has become a factor for danger … The army must return to its barracks and the decree frozen because it is a provocation and danger for the people," he said. "Our young men have no fear of the tanks. If we had not held them back, they would have eaten the tanks. Our people have no fear of tanks and rifles."

Iran asks UN to save Shias

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IRAN yesterday called on the United Nations to prevent an anticipated Iraqi offensive against up to 700,000 Shias hiding in the marshes in southern Iraq.

Tehran television said Iran's Supreme National Security Council, chaired by President Rafsanjani, met to discuss "the perilous state of the Shias in southern Iraq and the real military threat from the military forces of the Iraqi regime". The council, the report said, was seeking immediate UN action to save the Shias.

UN officials fear that an Iraqi offensive is imminent and have sent a team to the area to investigate. It will report in the next few days. Western diplomatic sources in New York said, however, that neither Britain nor America had any indication that a military campaign was about to get under way in southern Iraq, although both countries were aware of a concentration of troops in the area.

Between 400,000 and 700,000 Shias took refuge in the marshes around Basra and Nasiriyah after their failed uprising against the Sunni-dominated government of President Saddam Hussein at the end of the Gulf war. Iraq has denied it is planning an offensive.

In another development, a UN team charged with supervising the disposal of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction arrived in the Gulf to begin their first visit to Iraq.

Palestinians attack intifada leaders over assassinations

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

SENIOR figures in the Palestinian community have voiced unprecedented public criticism against the young men of the intifada, whom they accuse of factional infighting and terrorising their own people.

In the Arab towns of the West Bank and the slums of the Gaza Strip, Palestinians are beginning to wonder where the three-and-a-half-year uprising against Israeli authority went wrong, and why, in the words of one Palestinian, the dream is turning into a nightmare.

The focus of the criticism is the dramatic rise in the number of assassinations of Palestinians suspected by the faceless youths of the intifada of collaborating with the Israelis. Since the start of the uprising in December 1987, more than 350 Arabs have been killed by their people and in the first six months of this year, more Palestinians died at the hands of their people than were killed by Israeli security forces.

"Who has the right to impose the death penalty against an innocent person who has not been convicted? And who can decide if a person has actually fallen to collaboration or not?" asked two Palestinian journalists, Nabhan Khraishe and Sirhan al-Salaymeh in Saturday's edition of the East Jerusalem newspaper, *Al-Fajr*. "We fell silent while the disease was spreading in our body day after day. Almost all of us whisper to ourselves, but do not dare to speak out loud." Their criticisms were the culmination of a week of unusually harsh attacks on the Palestinian youths who control the operations of the uprising and appear to have ignored repeated calls from the Palestine Liberation Organisation leadership to end the bloodshed.

The divisions have not gone unnoticed by the Israeli authorities who regard the trend as a sign that the intifada is running out of steam. In the Knesset on Wednesday, Moshe Arens, the defence minister, said that the intifada was waning and that Israel was on the way to overcoming the popular uprising. "I have no doubt we are on the right path," he said.

Normally such a statement would be undermined by an outbreak of violence to test the will of the security forces. But on this occasion Palestinians seem to confirm the government's findings that the uprising has lost its way.

The real problem facing the intifada was illustrated three days before the Knesset statement, when a gun battle broke out in the West Bank city of Nablus, between members of the Muslim fundamentalist movements Hamas and Fatah, the PLO's largest faction. The gun battle appeared to confirm what many observers had suspected, that the rash of assassinations of alleged Israeli informers by fellow Palestinians this year, has served partly to cover fierce infighting.

Zuheria Kamal, the leader of the women's organisations in the West Bank, and a prominent figure in the uprising accused activists of spending their efforts on factional rivalry rather than on challenging the occupation. She called for a return to the early days of the uprising when it manifested itself as a popular revolt rather than "the exclusive struggle of paramilitary groups". The mullah at the al-Bek mosque in the Nablus casbah, the centre of intifada activity in the West Bank, blamed the young militants for leading the revolt into chaos because of inexperience and ill-discipline.

The divisions within the community could not have come at a worse time for the Palestinians who are up against a right-wing government determined never to relinquish control of the territories and which is actively colonising thousands of acres of Arab land with Jewish settlements. The Palestinians are still reeling from the aftermath of the Gulf war and the price they are paying for their support of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

However, the fact that the issue is being discussed is a signal that they are prepared to try to arrest the problem. In interviews over the past few weeks, many Palestinians voiced similar feelings in private, but were too afraid to be quoted by name.

● **New conditions:** Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, has raised new conditions for entering Middle East peace talks and rejected American appeals for concessions, Israeli radio said yesterday. Israel would not attend a peace conference until there was agreement on who would represent the Palestinians, it said. *(Reuter)*

High-flyers with secret families

Why children and families are an unsuitable topic of conversation for the woman executive who wishes to remain a high flyer

In her office the executive mother is the epitome of efficiency. Colleagues may not even know she has children, since personal photographs seldom adorn her desk and she is careful not to discuss family matters.

Last week in the sympathetic environment of an informal lunch for 20 of the breed, plus half a dozen of their offspring, some felt this was exactly as it should be. "I don't need to cry on anyone's shoulder. My life isn't chaotic, it's extremely well-organised and I've got better things to do than moan," said a data analyst who seemed embarrassed to find herself amid the briefcases and babies of the second meeting of a group of high-powered working mothers.

The meeting was organised by Jo Cutmore, the head of her own executive recruitment company, Jamieson Scott, and the mother of three children under eight. Ms Cutmore, who concealed her pregnancies from clients until nearly the ninth month and took off only the equivalent of a long weekend to have her babies, had felt for some time that there was a need to share coping strategies and other areas of support not provided by existing working women's groups, and without the formal structure of speeches or seminars.

"I wanted to start a group where we could speak frankly — *not* necessarily about problems, because most of us are doing well, but for a recognition of the sheer physical effort it takes to do what we do."

At the first meeting, two months ago, some senior women such as Yve Newbold, company secretary of Hanson PLC, whose children were grown, were present. By the second, last Friday, it was primarily those in their thirties with young children who had returned.

"In this environment you're not afraid to admit you're a mother, whereas at work you're frightened to talk about your children and with non-working mothers you're not considered a 'proper' mother because you work such long hours," said Carol Grenville-Barker, a senior manager of business services for a big firm of accountants in the City and a mother of three children — four-year-old twins and one aged eight.

"No woman talks about her family at work," said Vivien Brelsford, who was with Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte for 15 years before starting her own independent consultancy earlier this year. She is the mother of a six-year-old daughter and a three-year-old son. "And we don't really fit in with other mothers' groups."

High-powered working mothers, the consensus was, bend over backwards to prove that they are just as capable of doing the job as childless female colleagues — and, of course, men. "You're almost scared to say no, so you go the opposite way sometimes and stay until 9pm just to prove the point," Ms Grenville-Barker said. "Nothing about the way I do my job has changed because of the children — I've protected that quite carefully."

Women from a large City accountancy firm spoke admiringly of a partner, not present, who not only kept pictures of her children on her desk but had "one of those magnetic boards with brightly coloured letters, like kids have in their bedrooms. It's as if she's making a *statement*."

> *'You can't just say you're going to have a baby in the quiet season'*

Working mothers meet

Corporate women told of returning from maternity leave to find someone appointed "between me and my boss — with my job description" — sometimes because the company had thought they were not serious about their return to work. "I worked up to one week before Jacqui was born and was back within a week after each of my two children, but when I was put up for promotion and mentioned I was three months pregnant I was told, 'You have a problem — that's a major hurdle'," Ms Brelsford said. "It seemed that nobody at my level had ever been pregnant before."

Mrs Grenville-Barker said: "I was once asked, 'What's the right time in your career to have a baby?' I said there's never a right time. You can't just say, 'I'm going to have a baby in the quiet season'. And even when you've only taken six months off to have three children, as I have, they say 'It must affect you' and can make all sorts of excuses for not promoting you for *your* sake."

Although tax relief on childcare was the concrete change most of the women felt would be the greatest help to them, Vivien Brelsford made an impassioned plea for "a change in the corporate climate, so that men and women feel comfortable about talking about our families at work".

Amidst the chorus of approval one discordant voice was heard to exclaim, "Yes, but most of the people grabbing the top positions are not talking about their families." Nor spending very much time with them, it seems.

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Signs of trouble: Yugoslavia was a popular holiday spot for Britons until ethnic violence flared. Now the country is trying to lure them back with low prices

Come holiday in a hot spot

War and political unrest may deter tourists, but the travel industry is fighting back. Sally Brompton reports on safety and bargain-seeking

There are 34 red, white and black pins scattered around the Michelin map of the world that covers a wall in the corporate affairs office of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). The pins are there to warn travel agents about the no-go areas and the ones necessitating special advice for travellers.

With a seemingly growing international catalogue of wars, political unrest, epidemics and natural disasters, the number of exotic destinations accessible to tourists appears to be diminishing. The no-go areas pinpointed on ABTA's map, based on Foreign Office information, include Afghanistan, Algiers, Guinea, Mali and the Kashmir valley, while those necessitating special advice for travellers include Mexico, Peru, Sierra Leone, the Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Jerusalem, India, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

Although the Gulf war lasted only six weeks, its effect on the tourist resorts of the eastern Mediterranean is still being felt. Israel has suffered, as has Jordan. Because British tourists tend to book their summer holidays in January and February, the effect on this year's overseas bookings — already hit by the recession — has been critical. Martin Brackenbury, the president of the International Federation of Tour Operators, estimates the financial losses to the countries affected in millions of pounds.

Public perception of holiday destinations frequently differs from reality. Even when the Foreign Office gives the all-clear to a particular destination — via ABTA and its members — travel to that area may take time to pick up.

Mr Brackenbury's view is that tourists take a season to forget any temporary troubles that may have hit an area. He estimates that the world's tourist offices — "which traditionally don't spend very much on advertising" — splashed out about £10 million immediately after the Gulf war "to make people think about the good times".

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Simon Laxton, the general manager of Thomas Cook Holidays, says China's tourist industry has yet to recover from the effects of the 1989 students' revolt, which ended in the killing of many protesters. "The bookings to China have never picked up to their previous level," he says. "We're only a small part of the overall market, but before the uprising we took 2,000 people a year to China. This year we will take 900."

Thailand's recent campaign to restore its image after a spate of terrorist threats against foreigners has been widely acclaimed by travel specialists. Thailand marketed specific events and attractions, such as its royal barges and spiritual festivals, offering special air fares and hotel rates. Despite the recent political coup, the Lauda Air crash and the jailing of two British girls for drug smuggling, tourism to Thailand is still picking up. Thomas Cook is offering 15 days, including flight and hotels, for £675, down from £825.

Yugoslavia, a booming holiday resort for Britons until ethnic violence and political turmoil stopped people going there, is also attempting to attract back tourists through advertising and low prices. Yugotours has two weeks half-board in a four-star hotel in Medulin, near Pula, for £269, reduced from £369. Other holidays are reduced by £50 to £80.

Tunisia, suffering from the effects of the Gulf war, is doing the same. The problem, according to Jeni Fleming, the chief executive of the Panorama Holiday Group, is the public view of Tunisia as an Arab country. "Although there's a world of difference between North Africa and the Middle East, unfortunately, in the public perception, an Arab is an Arab is an Arab."

To try to build up tourism again, Panorama, Britain's largest specialist tour operator to Tunisia, has been taking parties of travel agents and journalists to the Islamic republic. Hoteliers have been reducing their prices by up to 20 per cent.

Cyprus, Turkey and Egypt have also suffered from the war backlash because of their geographical proximity to the fighting. Cyprus, still almost a third down on last year's tourist figures, spent £1 million on advertising in March.

The lack of holidaymakers is an added attraction for tourists who can book their holidays at the last minute and take advantage of bargains. "There will never be a better time to go to Egypt," says Sue Mautner, the special products manager of Kuoni Travel, which is offering a week in Luxor for less than £300.

Yugoslavia, Cyprus, Turkey and even Greece are also tempting bargain hunters with special offers. Thomson is offering two weeks in Cyprus in a three-star hotel for £329, a reduction of up to £180, while Cypriana has a fortnight in a three-star hotel for £249, reduced from £329.

Thomson is also offering a fortnight in Turkey, in budget accommodation, for £239, a saving of up to £100, and a fortnight in a four-star hotel, half board, in Tunisia for £249, a saving of up to £232. Grecian has one or two weeks to Crete staying in either a small hotel or a self-catering studio for £169 and £189 respectively, a saving of £60.

Frequently, a whole country is blacklisted in the public eye when the trouble may be localised — as in India, where political violence is affecting tourism. For example, Kashmir's houseboats — a big tourist attraction — are in an area that is now out of bounds to tourists, while other parts of the country are considered safe.

Sri Lanka's tourist industry has also suffered severely in recent years, despite the fact that the internal fighting has been centred in the north of the island. Thomas Cook Holidays no longer feature Sri Lanka "because the terrorism does put people off", Mr Laxton says.

A cholera epidemic in Peru seems less likely to deter tourists, since South America tends to attract the more adventurous anyway, according to Keith Betton, the head of ABTA's corporate affairs.

The slump in tourism to the troubled areas has resulted in a boom for places such as Kenya, Florida and the Caribbean. The number of holidaymakers to Spain and Portugal has also risen.

The Foreign Office's role is crucial in alerting the industry to the risks overseas. As well as issuing advice bulletins to ABTA, the Foreign Office operates a telephone travel advice service for the public.

Advice is based on reports from ambassadors, governments and, in places where there is no official representative, on local British inhabitants such as teachers. "It would be ridiculous if we issued advice at the first sign of people marching in the street," a spokesman says. "We do have to be careful not to over-react."

Cultivating kerb appeal

People trying to sell their houses may have to apply psychology as well as a coat of paint

SELLING houses is still not easy, despite the recent drop in interest rates. Buyers are all too aware that the market is on their side, and the hapless seller may suffer dastardly behaviour that would never be dreamt of in a property boom.

An Oxfordshire doctor's wife was appalled to greet a set of viewers accompanied by two scabby-faced children. Enquiries revealed they were recovering from chicken pox — and still infectious. The doctor's children went down with the same two weeks later. A psychiatrist's wife on the move from Leicester recalls showing round an enthusiastic neighbour and her mother, who was visiting for the weekend. "Thank you so much," gushed the neighbour after a good hour. "We've always wondered what this house was like inside."

So what is the best way of selling? Before the housing slump, agents used to advise baking fresh bread and forking out on flowers in the hope that an endearing lifestyle would swing the deal. Now, says the National Association of Estate Agents, it is more important to get your house in order, given the wide choice on the market. "Check your kerb appeal," urges Peter Cliff, a spokesman. "Paint the outside, replace the old garden gate and touch up the front door."

After DIY, the association is not averse to a little selling psychology. "Selling a house is a marriage bureau: you hope someone will fall in love but you can also apply make-up to make it more beautiful," says Trevor Kent, a past president of the association, who has moved only once himself. "First, send the children and pets on a long walk. Second, turn on all the lights — whatever the time of day — to make the house look brighter." Never kill a sale by saying, "Oh dear, it seems dark in here" and turning on a switch.

Start the tour by "politely wandering down the drive to meet the viewer so you can both turn round in the front garden and look at the outside". When you greet your quarry, Mr Kent suggests introducing yourself and making a bland comment such as, "I expect you're exhausted already from your schedule". (This might also indicate you know how many rivals you're up against.)

YOU should then usher your guests into the reception room, which Mr Kent sees as one of the most important. Let them go in first so that the room looks bigger. "Take them to the centre of the room before leading them to the window and the garden view." Then on to the kitchen, having first swept away the clutter to make the work surfaces look bigger. Beware, however, of piling so much clutter into cupboards that it falls out on the viewers (by the way, check your personal insurance in case an accident befalls them).

Other "don'ts" include getting chummy with your viewer. Underselling should be the name of the game. Mr Cliff urges a vendor to speak "only when spoken to".

DR TONY Minton, a psychologist at Sheffield university — who has written a paper recently on moving house — says "people don't like to be sold something: they twig when being hoodwinked too, so be honest. If someone asks how long you've been on the market, tell them, even if it's a long time." (Indeed, under the property misdescription bill, which is going through Parliament, a vendor could be sued by an agent for providing false information.) The psychology of "primacy" and "recency" is also useful, says Dr Minton, who has sold "five or six" houses in his time. "Primacy means starting with a nice feature and recency means leaving a viewer with a recent impression of a good room. Hide the bad points in the middle of the tour."

None of this helps much if you have a problem house to sell, near a motorway or flight-path or busy road. Mr Kent suggests a warning note in the brochure so viewers are prepared, and scheduling viewing times accordingly (if near a noisy school, sell in the holidays). John Pearce, a psychiatrist, recommends occasionally referring to an obvious problem so that it is out in the open. "I mentioned the busy road outside our house to our prospective buyers before qualifying it by saying I'd miss the traffic. Afterwards I thought that was a silly thing to do but they're still going ahead."

JANE BIDDER

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THEATRE

Cataracts and hurricanoes

Jeremy Kingston braves bad weather for *The Tempest* in the too-open air

After sitting for three hours on damp ground inside a stone circle on the northern frontier of Oxfordshire, caressed by gusts of rain while watching actors, some barefoot, pretend to be on an island south of Naples, I have no doubt who is to blame for this rotten summer. It is Mark Rylance, director of Phoebus Cart. His is the company presenting this play within a Bronze Age circle — and not just any old Bronze Age circle, but the Rollright Stones, where ley lines cross.

Depending on your point of view, ley lines are a load of phooey or some kind of geological acupuncture: mysterious invisible channels of energy that at certain points can be interfered with. Rylance is evidently interfering. Dark chthonic forces, perhaps patriotic British gods, resent the approach of his classical deity. The company's name neatly applies the common touch to the Phoebus' car invoked by Bottom, but the gods never understood jokes and are punishing us all for Rylance's temerity.

From tomorrow the company plays a week at Corfe Castle, another ley-line junction, and on June 19 starts a London season on the site of the Globe Theatre: between Waterloo and London Bridge and a sort of ley-line terminus, I dare say. Then the company returns to the Rollrights.

In fine weather the view must be terrific, perched on a scarp of the Cotswolds. But the venue was chosen by Rylance for arcane, alchemical reasons, and he has claimed that his production clarifies the several four-part cycles to be found in the play.

The most familiar of these are the four elements, and this cycle he certainly makes prominent, in the persons of four dancers from Scottish Ballet, suitably clad in coloured plastic macs, with appropriate motifs (fish for Water, a candle for Fire) stuck onto their hard-hats. In each quadrant of the stone circle stands a pavilion: black and rocky for Earth; a blue bath, aquabed and shower for Water; a red tent topped with fruit for Fire; and for Air a fanciful assemblage of yellow furniture, fully open to the rain-bearing wind.

The play's broad comedy is staged across the middle of the circle, where Clive Kneller's Trinculo gulps down fresh air before inspecting the noisome limbs of Caliban — mistaken for a fish and hiding in the Water pavilion. The King of Naples aptly suffers a sea-change in the shower, but not all the placements make that kind of daffy sense. Ferdinand drags logs to the Fire pavilion, but the ghostly banquet is also held there, and Julian Lyon's Ariel perches on the top wearing a tutti-frutti hat, adding a Carmen to the play's Miranda.

The frequent references to foul weather were gratefully received by a devoted audience of about 200: only two left early and those only when the rain became horizontal. The central stretches of the play became something of an endurance test, in which cast and audience basked in each other's unspoken admiration of their stamina; but in such conditions, nuances of performance are blotted in the wind.

Rylance himself plays Prospero, younger than the usual world-weary magus, fresh-faced above his black, Jacobean beard but with bright, intense and searching eyes. His voice carries well, though circumstances conspire to hoarsen it and prevent using a soothing murmur to hypnotise Miranda — played with serious lack of inflection by Toshie Ogura. But Rylance's diction is sensitive to the rhythms of the verse and, the wind permitting, he conveys subtleties of character through delicacy of tone. His acknowledgement of John Ramm's Smike-like Caliban is uttered with softness, even love.

On the balmiest of summer evenings Rylance's production would still be marred by his misjudgments, but a rugged certainty of feeling forces its way through. Raw still, resourceful though not yet in command of its resources, his vision includes moments of curious beauty and imaginative response. Perhaps at Corfe Castle the ley lines will lie low.

- *At Corfe Castle, Dorset (0929 480910), from tomorrow to Sunday 7.30pm, also midnight Saturday. Shakespeare's Globe, London SE1 (Ticketmaster 071-379 4444; Viewticket 071-379 0404) June 19 - July 14, Wed-Sun 7.30pm, midnight June 22, mats June 29, July 6, 13 at 2pm. Rollright Stones, Long Compton, Oxfordshire July 23-26 7.30pm, midnight July 26. Booking as for Globe.*

NIGEL PARRY

Director and principal player: Mark Rylance at the Rollright Stones as Prospero in *The Tempest*

BRIEFING

Chinese access

THANKS to a £1.25 million donation from a Hong Kong businessman, the Victoria and Albert Museum has a new gallery of Chinese art. The T.T. Tsui Gallery, named after its benefactor, will be unlike any other at the V&A: the emphasis will be on how things were used in daily life, and visitors will be able to touch exhibits. The Prince of Wales opens it on Thursday.

Last chance...

AS ROD Stewart's performance at the Concert for the Kurds showed, the gravel-voiced roué is on top form. Joined by boogie warhorses Status Quo and soul survivor Joe Cocker, Stewart concludes his UK tour at Ipswich Town F.C., Portman Road (0473 281411) Wednesday and Thursday and Wembley Stadium (081-900 1234) on Saturday.

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OPERA

Defying the decades and still on song

Alfredo Kraus

Thirty-four years after his first London appearance, tenor Alfredo Kraus makes his Covent Garden role debut in *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*. He is interviewed by **John Higgins**

When they reach a certain age, opera singers confine themselves to recitals, master classes and perhaps the occasional character part. Or they may retire completely. Alfredo Kraus gives recitals and during his present stay in London he is giving three master classes. But he is also to sing Hoffmann for the first time at Covent Garden.

Offenbach's *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* is punishing enough for a 40-year-old tenor, let alone one well into his sixties. Kraus faces it with few qualms. He has always cut a dapper figure on stage, and is a master of the art of vocal preservation. More than 30 years ago he sang opposite Callas in *La traviata*, but he gives no sign that he is considering retirement: two Ducas in *Rigoletto* are expected at Covent Garden next season.

He sang his first Hoffmann in Dallas in 1980. He agrees that the role is a challenge and adds swiftly that a singer performing without a challenge is a singer lost. "The young artist must always aim a little bit higher as he matures. When you get older you must still be prepared to take risks. That is the factor which inspires enthusiasm. Of course parts of *Hoffmann* are difficult for me, especially the moments of great dramatic tension. High notes have always come more easily to me than high drama."

Kraus's upper register won him early acclaim. He was one of the few tenors who could negotiate the tessitura demanded by Bellini and Donizetti. One of the ten or so roles he keeps in his current repertory is Fernando in *La favorita*, which is also one of Donizetti's most demanding: "The tenor has virtually no support from the pit."

Preservation of the voice, Kraus believes, is partly a matter of technique, partly one of selection and concentration. "I never mix operas. If I am singing Hoffmann, which I would only do for one series of performances a year, then I am singing Hoffmann. I do not accept guest engagements elsewhere, nor do I fit in concerts or recording sessions. I make about 50 appearances a year, in America and Europe, and these are divided by three periods of unbreakable holiday." London first heard Kraus in 1957, as Alfredo in *La traviata*. Two years later came his Covent Garden debut in *Lucia di Lammermoor* — Joan Sutherland's great night, of course, but Kraus was far from overshadowed.

> *'When you get older you must still be prepared to take risks'*

Kraus remains wedded to the theatre. He does not care for recording studios, although he is enticed into them, and he is unenthusiastic about the present vogue for operatic concerts.

His master classes will doubtless include something about building a character on stage, using the voice to maximum effect and the vital art of vocal preservation. In a career of 35 years, Kraus claims never to have cancelled a performance.

- Les Contes d'Hoffmann *opens at the Royal Opera House (071-240 1066) on Saturday. Master classes at the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden (071-836 2330) on June 16, 19 and 22.*

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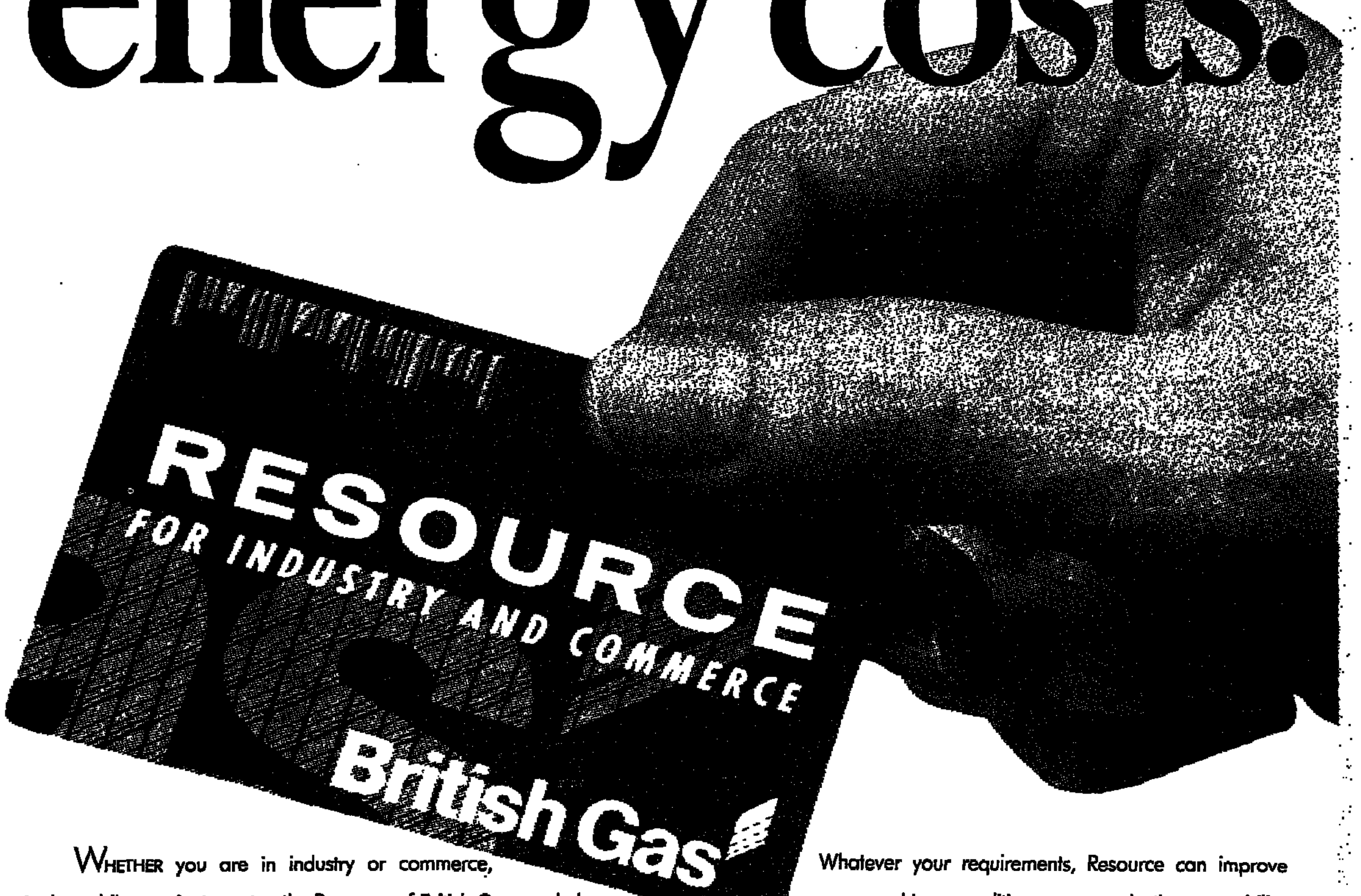

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Charles Bremner reports from New York on the emergence of A-levels and GCSEs as beacons for educational reform

Will America crib British exams?

Classes apart: knowledge-based testing and a national curriculum could be America's next import

British *pupils now sweating* over their exams might care to know that their GCSEs and A-levels have just been used to shock the American public. Questions from history papers of the Southern Examining Group have drawn the wonder of parents and pupils after a government body published them, along with examples from France, Germany and Japan, to demonstrate how mild are the methods used to test American school-leavers.

"They are asking students in Britain to talk about the American civil war," marvelled Lynne Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, which published the report. It was unlikely, Mrs Cheney suggested, that American pupils could answer the questions about their own country's history that British and other foreign pupils find routine.

The United States is the only industrial nation that does not measure what pupils have learnt before they go on to higher education or into the workforce. In the two most common exams, university-bound pupils tick boxes in answer to multiple choice questions. They are not asked to write a word, let alone frame an argument. At the same time, Mrs Cheney's report noted, French *baccalaureate candidates* are asked to discuss the relativity of truth, and the GCSE asks 16-year-olds to write essays on Spanish-English relations in the 17th century.

The report has helped sharpen widespread concern about American complacency. Although patches of excellence can be found in specialised high schools, it is widely accepted that American children are not being taught the basics, despite attempts at reform in the 1980s. In comparisons with other countries, pupils usually come bottom or close to it in knowledge while scoring high in self-esteem and confidence; half of all 17-year-olds cannot analyse a text and explain it; fewer than half of 18 to 24-year-old Americans can find New York on an unlabelled map; more than 90 per cent of 17-year-olds cannot calculate simple interest.

Companies are spending $250 million a year re-educating high school graduates who join their workforces, a state of affairs that has prompted a new device. This year, in dozens of districts, pupils receiving their high school diplomas will be given an extra certificate, a guarantee of their skills, rather like the warranty on a television set. If within three years the employer finds the holder unable to read, write or calculate adequately, the school promises to take him or her back for free remedial evening classes.

The public has recorded its concern about the state of education in opinion polls for years, but the idea of probing knowledge with a national examination has only just begun to catch on. President Bush has enshrined it in his plan for an educational renaissance, with the goal of establishing core subjects of English, history, mathematics, science and geography. Seven out of 10 Americans now favour national tests.

Many in the education establishment, however, have denounced the idea as élitist and reactionary. Then there are all the sensitivities involving race, gender and sexual "diversity". The fear of offence has led to bowdlerised text books and a "dumbing down" of the curriculum.

In answer to the charge of élitism, the architects of the new system are planning a uniquely American version that will be open to all *pupils, not just* the more ambitious groups which take the higher European and Japanese exams. And to allay fears of local authorities losing control, states will be able to devise their own examinations in co-ordination with a central body.

Mrs Cheney's report made a point of noting that Britain and Germany had long had similar systems. Of all the foreign examinations quoted in her report, England's GCSE comes closest to the American goal. Even under *the forthcoming* national curriculum in England and Wales, her report notes, there will be enough optional elements to ensure continuing diversity.

Ronald Butt

Kinnock can be twice a winner

Mrs Thatcher's reservations about John Major's conduct of policy may not help him to secure the nation's confidence. But it is not primarily her criticisms, or even Tory disunity, that threaten him. The danger comes from the public's adverse view of the Tories' performance over a prolonged period, much of it under Mrs Thatcher.

The outcome of most elections is determined well before the campaign, as in the Labour defeats of 1979, 1983, and also in 1987, when it lost despite a notably clever campaign. Even in 1970, when Labour came close to winning, the memory of the bad years under the Wilson government defeated it. Until recently, some Tories have clung to the belief that *the swing Labour needs to* overturn the Tory majority is too great to be realisable in a single election. That was always nonsense. Now, as opinion polls confirm the depth and consistency of Labour's lead, it is palpable nonsense.

In 1945, Labour took power with an overall nationwide swing of 12 per cent, inflicting on the Tories one of the three worst defeats in their history (the others were in 1832 and 1906). Pent-up disenchantment with a long period of Tory government and an urge for more socially sensitive policies broke the Conservative hold on power, despite the personal popularity of Churchill. Today Labour needs a swing of only 8 per cent, or a lead of four to five points, to dislodge the Tories, and the party is now running at some eight points ahead.

Should the Tories be defeated, however, they will live to fight again: for Labour the next election could be make or break. Given Mr Kinnock's revisionism, if Labour cannot win when only the first signs of economic recovery are likely to be apparent, when can it win? Defeat could shatter Labour's present structure. Yet if it does win it will start with a great advantage enjoyed on neither of the two other occasions when it held unfettered power: from 1945 to 1951 and from 1964 to 1970.

In 1945, the Attlee government inherited an economy devastated by war: its attempt to move Britain towards a command economy was made even more unpopular by the harshness of the living conditions of the time. In 1964, the Wilson government inherited an economy in deep trouble, the seeds of which had hardly begun to emerge in the last months of Tory power. Lord Wilson then made the mistake of talking up the economic danger to fix blame for it on the defeated Tories, thus worsening his own difficulties and undermining his campaign to defend the parity of sterling through a succession of economic emergencies.

Economic failure also dogged the weak Wilson-Callaghan governments from 1974 to 1979, when Labour held power without an overall majority for much of the time. Today the politically desirable relationship between the *economic cycle and election timing* seems to have gone awry for the government. If Labour wins it will reap the benefit of the Tories' willingness to shoulder the unpopularity of maintaining financial discipline as long as is necessary to defeat inflation.

Labour would be able to make a start on its costly social programme during three or so years of a rising curve in the economic cycle. There would be extra time for it to try to shape society as it wants. But the party might well muff its chances by falling foul of public opinion, since there is little evidence that voters would be turning to Labour for its own sake, as distinct from ousting the Tories.

This is the internal contradiction of the present political scene. In 1945 and in 1964 strong philosophical winds blew in favour of what Labour was offering, not least among many of the progressive middle classes, though each time the advantage was quickly lost in power. Today, no philosophical wind blows for Mr Kinnock. Indeed, though he has been forced to trim to the achievements of Thatcherism, many of Labour's reflexes, on social matters particularly, remain antipathetic to popular opinion.

Mr Kinnock might start with a better hand of political cards than that given any previous Labour prime minister. How well he would play that hand is another matter.

When the she-devil ruled

The horror story of a nation that kidnapped the children of dissidents must never be forgotten, writes **Bernard Levin**

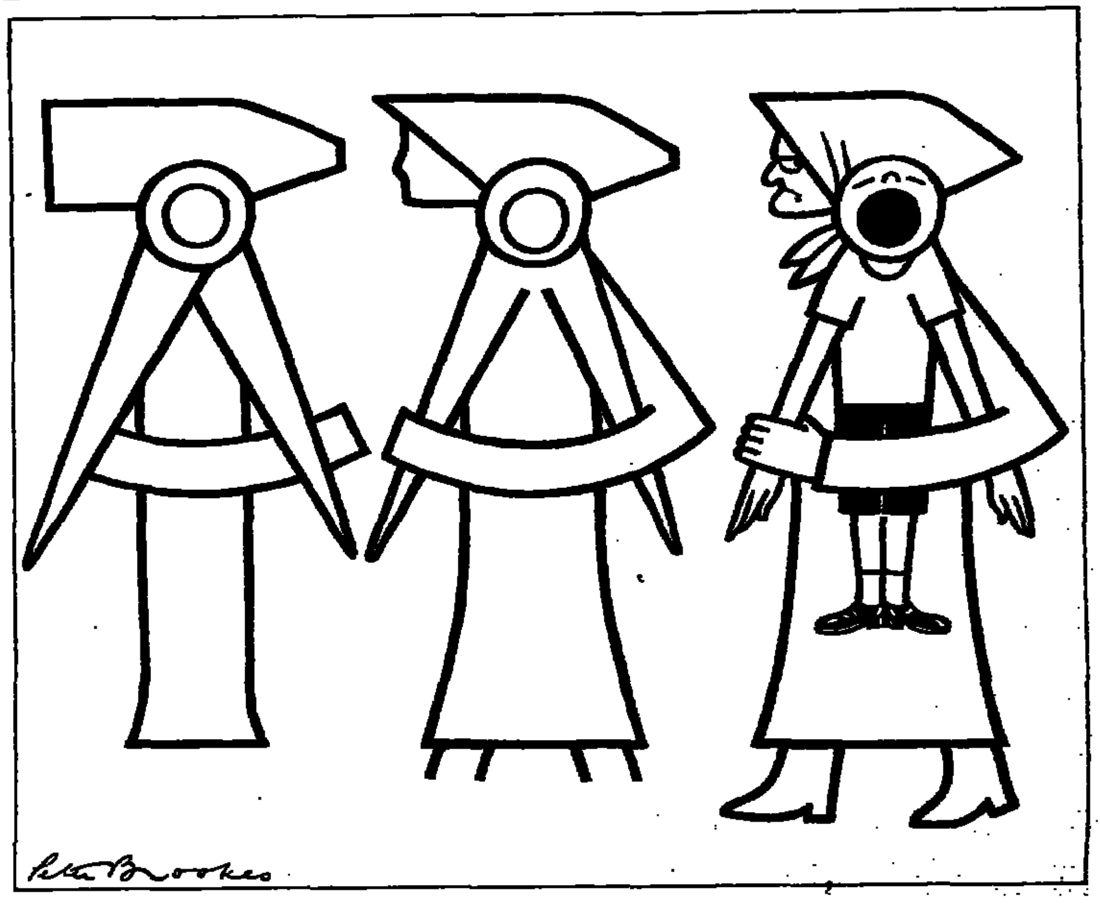
In my book *Speaking Up*, one chapter is headed Nine Bullets, One Knell, and it is devoted to an account of the murder, in January 1981, of an 18-year-old pregnant girl by East German border guards; the victim, Marinetta Jirkowski, had been trying to get out of the Soviet Union's most western colony by crossing the border surreptitiously. She was with two men, one presumably the father of her child; fleeing when they were sure she was dead, the two men got away to safety and freedom. It was later discovered that *nine* bullets had been fired into her and the child in her womb; whence my title. This is how I finished:

> One day, there will be a reckoning for those who fired nine bullets into Marinetta Jirkowski. But every time one of us fails to feel rage at what was done to her, or to recognise our rage as the correct moral response to unmitigated evil, the failure not only postpones the day of judgment on her killers, but brings nearer a very different judgment on ourselves.

Well now; the Wall is down, the trip-wires have been removed, the killer dogs have been pensioned off, and Professor Hobsbawm has gone to the astounding and magnanimous lengths of saying that "What one objects to isn't that Stalin imposed order ... What one objects to is purges, mass exiles and massacres" — though what one carelessly omitted to add was that one had spent one's life as one obedient follower of Stalin and all his successors.

Not long ago, and quietly, the reunited Germany began the reckoning of which I wrote. In matters of this kind, it is difficult to match crimes to punishment with any exactitude, even when the evidence is plain to see; but by any measure, the murderers of Marinetta Jirkowski are due for retribution. I hope they can be found, identified and put on trial; remember that on the free side of that border there were always brave men and women who risked their own lives to photograph and identify the killer guards.

Now you might think that murder is about as far as wickedness can go, and of course that is true. But among the revelations of communist evil — and new kinds are coming to light almost daily — there is one very recent discovery which I think in some ways chills the blood more intensely than even the sin which has the primal eldest curse upon it.



Peter Brookes

For we now learn that in Soviet East Germany those who defied the state and its evil were subject not only to the usual penalties — beatings, imprisonment, beggary, permanent surveillance — but also to the confiscation, by the state, of their children. These were simply kidnapped and doled out to more reliable citizens or to orphanages, for permanent adoption. Nor was this hideous punishment reserved for the greatest "sinners" — those caught publishing *samizdat*, say. The child-stealers could be called upon in cases of merely attempting to get out of the country; if Marinetta Jirkowski had been captured rather than murdered, she would have faced the prospect of bearing her child only to see it snatched from her arms, to be brought up by those considered more politically docile.

The story was told in *The Times* a week or two ago; there was a photograph with it — a blurred one, but not so blurred that it was impossible to infer anything from the face. Even without the caption, which told us that the face was that of Margot Honecker, wife to the Soviet Union's proconsul at Potsdam, we would have known that we were face to blurred face with a criminal.

On her instructions, the parents of the kidnapped children never saw them again; attempts are now being made to find the missing "children", some of whom could be parents themselves by now. (Behaviourists will jeer at me, but I like to think that the dissident strain in the parents of the confiscated children would have remained alive through all the years of *Gleichschaltung*.)

In times to come, historians will examine such phenomena as they strive to understand nazism and communism; it is possible that they will find such doings even more incomprehensible than the hecatombs of Stalin and Hitler. After all, there was no question of ideology involved; Ulbricht, Grotewohl, Stoph, Honecker, Mielke — I don't believe that any of them had ever read a single page of Marx, nor did they have the smallest interest in the country they had been appointed by their masters to run, beyond being sure that there were enough guns and trustworthy hands holding them to see that there was no danger of a successful revolution. They were no more than a gang of bandits who had realised early on that if they carried out their masters' wishes they could live in luxury on the fruits of banditry. Where did they get the idea of the kidnappings, and why?

It cannot have been a warning to those contemplating resistance; the governors of the East German fief did not promulgate the policy, and indeed publicly denied that they were following it, so it was not used as a deterrent. There were, of course, sadists in the ranks of those who ruled the country for Moscow, but as far as I know they were in lowly posts, in no position to oversee such a policy, much less devise it.

Perhaps — it is a theory I have long toyed with — evil is a kind of miasma, so that when its clammy touch is felt in one place it spreads inevitably over everything near it. The brutal things the East German surrogate rulers did — had to do for their own position and safety — were such that this frightful form of wickedness (practically useless to them, remember) materialised out of the more rational crimes they were committing.

Suppose that the people who thought up, and put into practice, such an offence against God and man were apprehended and put on trial. The killers of Marinetta Jirkowski could, and doubtless would, fall back on the standard reply of those who did nazi evil and were arraigned for it: "I was only obeying orders." The child kidnappers could not say anything so ridiculous: what *would* they say? But I am going too fast: what would the charge be? I have used the word kidnapping, but only colloquially; no one was demanding money in ransom. Theft? What, like a burglar? Confiscation? What, like a customs officer? Involuntary adoption? Change of address?

You can easily go mad playing the game; yet it is not a game, however macabre, and when I contemplate what it actually is, even I, the world's greatest foe of the Manichee, with "*Edel sei der Mensch, hilfreich und gut*" tattooed on my chest, even I stop for a moment and wonder whether the Devil rules the world. I don't *think* so, but you must admit that the evidence is formidable.

Oh, there will be worse discoveries than this; what do you suppose we shall find when the Soviet Union is finally civilised and the full story of its evil is known? Yet in my time, well after the halfway mark in the 20th century, parents of a political bent displeasing to the authorities of a country in the heart of Western Europe were obliged to watch their infant children being taken to an undivulged address, where they would be brought up by strangers. Marinetta Jirkowski didn't know when she was well off.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

If, walking down the Strand last Friday morning, you had taken *shelter from the rain in* the Royal Courts of Justice, you would have had the immense pleasure of hearing the Lord Chief Justice say "pustule". And not just "pustule", but "spot", too. And you would have had the privilege *of watching Lord Lane* overturn a conviction and let a man go free, all because of acne.

Let us start at the beginning and call the man Nigel Watkins, which was not his name, but when a fellow has been wrongly accused, convicted and imprisoned for four months, it seems hard that he should wake on his first Monday of freedom to find a *Times* column all about his complexion. So Watkins it will have to be. At 16, Watkins had committed some minor offences.

Did you know that this means the police may keep your photo and routinely show it to victims of quite dissimilar crimes? Three years later, *SNAP!*

"I think that looks like one of them," said a lad who had been beaten up by a gang on a train. He had seen the mug shot of a 16-year-old Watkins, who is now 19, and has no history of violence. So Watkins was rounded up, and it was arranged for him (protesting his innocence) to "mingle" in a lounge at Euston station one morning. The lad, who not long before had been staring at a photograph of Watkins, now saw its subject. "I think that's him," he said.

Does the same thought trouble you as troubles me, here? The jury was not troubled by it. They would not have failed to notice that Watkins was the type of man of whom police kept photographs. *Besides*, "*recognition*" has a primitive force, an Old Testament quality.

"I recognise him!" You cannot 60 per cent recognise somebody. You do or do not, and if you do, then who (or what evidence) will gainsay that? You do not recognise someone less because he swears he was not there. "Recognition" is one of the few words in our language that purports to describe a state of mind, but also implies that the state of mind must have been rightful. English offers no verb to report the *feeling* of recognition, without implicitly claiming its veracity.

The jury was impressed: so impressed that it must have rejected the evidence from the accused's foreman that his employee had been at work that day; so impressed it must have ignored the submission that the assailant was agreed to have appalling acne, whereas Watkins (arrested 17 days later) had a normal complexion.

This admission came from Mr Teper, counsel for Watkins. "In all my ten years at the Bar," he said later, "this is the first time I've seen a man go down who I am sure is innocent. He looked at me and said 'I didn't do it'. Of course they all say that, but I somehow believed it." Watkins got two years' imprisonment.

Teper found a Harley Street skin specialist, Dr Everall, to examine the prisoner at Brixton. He certified from the state of the skin that it was highly unlikely that Watkins had *ever* had bad acne, let alone days before being arrested without it. Teper applied for leave to appeal. There was no *right of appeal. Simply to* claim that the jury got it wrong is not enough: the original trial must have been misconducted. The trouble is, this one had not been, though Teper did his ingenious best to suggest otherwise. So Watkins was lucky when leave was granted.

You wander off the street and find your way to the court. Nobody keeps the door and you simply walk in and sit down, with much creaking of oak. I did so as Lord Lane, whom I have never seen before, was summing up. It was impossible to guess what he, Mr Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Jowitt, had decided.

Eventually, the Lord Chief Justice concluded that "the learned Recorder's conduct of this case was impeccable." He paused and drew breath. Then he began: "This is one of those disturbing cases ..." and I realised he had won. When he turned to a terrified looking Watkins and said: "The appeal is allowed", I did not have the impression that Watkins understood.

Lord Lane looked a stern old coot. "You're lucky to catch him on a cheerful day," whispered a law student. "Positively rollicking."

Rollicking, Lord Lane was not. But he was fair. And to hear a personage *quite* as grand as the Lord Chief Justice say: "There were, I understand, at the age of 16 just a few, isolated, spots," was an experience not to be missed.

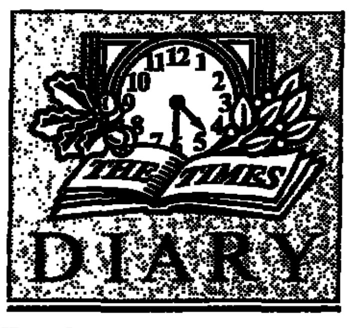
Whipping post

Chris Patten may be concerned at speculation that Norman Tebbit is about to replace him as Conservative party chairman, but John Major should be a touch nervous too. Criticism of the party chairman has become Tory shorthand for criticising its leader. When a Tory party chairman falls, the party leader may soon follow.

"Criticism of the leader is never *blatant among Conservatives*," says Robert Shepherd, author of *The Power Brokers: The Tory Party and its Leaders*. "Rather, there is criticism of the courtiers, chief among whom is the party chairman, who is expected to carry the can for his master. Criticism of the chairman is really an expression of discontent about the performance of the party leader."

From the first party chairman appointed in 1911, the incumbent has been used as a scapegoat when fortune fails the Tories. Neville Chamberlain, who became prime minister after a term as chairman and then five years as Chancellor, was the only man in the post to escape the curse that has kept party chairmen from becoming leaders. "I think Chamberlain was lucky to get five years *under his* belt as Chancellor. He is the exception who proves the rule," says Shepherd.

More recently Iain Macleod, Macmillan's party chairman between 1961 and 1963, took much of the blame for the poor party morale caused by economic difficulties and the Profumo scandal. Tebbit himself suffered the kill-the-messenger syndrome when he presided over the 1987 election as party chairman. Despite Mrs Thatcher's victory, the campaign was not perceived *to have been a* success and Tebbit had to take the blame.



Reginald's ring

Sir Reginald Goodall, the conductor famed for his understanding of Wagnerian nuance, was remembered in more ways than one at a concert in the Royal Festival Hall yesterday organised by the English National Opera to commemorate his death a year ago. Anne Evans, singing the Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan and Isolde*, did her level best to remember all his tips. "'Dramatic singing lies in the rhythm,' he used to say. 'Always pay attention to the short notes.'" *He also emphasised clear* pronunciation, says Evans. She admits he was a hard taskmaster. "But he was my friend as well as my mentor. How I miss him."

Fellow singer John Tomlinson equally feels the loss. "He was an inspiration and when he died a part of me said to myself: 'What's the point of continuing the work?' Not an attitude he would have understood or approved of."

Hearts of stone

Not one Scot has made the shortlist of six competing for the right to design a new £25 million Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. Showing no regard for nationalist sentiment, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Scotland has overlooked the *claims of its own members*, while including the German practice Ulrike Wilke and a number of English practices chosen from a field of more than 370. The nationalists are not best pleased. At this rate, they say, if Scotland ever gets the national assembly promised by all political parties except the Conservatives, it will probably be designed by the English and built by the Irish out of stone from Wales.

So why have the inheritors of the tradition of Charles Rennie Mackintosh gone unrecognised in their own land? "The question of nationality does not enter into it," says the museum. "After all, the Scots are famous for their influence in the rest of the world." In any case, a Scottish architect would be unusual: the Royal Museum of Scotland, built 125 years ago, is by an Englishman.

Hitting the button

The BBC, it seems, dislikes being given a dose of its own medicine. While delighting in the success of its programme *Troubleshooter*, in which Sir John Harvey-Jones told companies how to shape up, it has been loath to take his advice on how it might itself improve.

Sir John, who spoke out yesterday against Lord Hanson's possible takeover of ICI, of which he used to be chairman, has yet to convince the BBC to take the drastic steps other companies have taken after receiving the Harvey-Jones treatment. On BBC2's *See For Yourself* programme in January, Sir John scoffed at the BBC's plans to make cuts of just 5 to 10 per cent, suggesting that its wage bill should be reduced by a third and its senior management halved from the deputy director-general downwards.

A spokeswoman said yesterday that the BBC had proposed saving £75 million a year in its report, *Funding for the Future*. The corporation had "enjoyed" Sir John's comments, but he had never been commissioned to study the BBC's finances. Perhaps he should do just that.

Big draw

Christie's is renewing an old tradition that its auctions are happiest when a Gainsborough is present. In the 18th century, Thomas Gainsborough himself frequented the house and ensured a lucky sale. Christie's has sold his canvases ever since.

Next month Christie's auctions a drawing by Gainsborough thought to be a study for *The Richmond Water-Walk*, his unrealised work. Missing for the past 60 years, the black chalk drawing of a woman and her child was discovered in America. It is owned by a descendent of Harry Elkins Widener, the Philadelphian collector who died on the Titanic in 1912. The work was recognised from a photograph by Christie's old master drawings consultant in New York.

Gainsborough's ghost would surely approve of the sale. The artist was a friend and Pall Mall neighbour of James Christie, founder of the auction house. In return for his portrait, now at the Getty museum in California, Christie used to organise the sale of the painter's work.

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NO BED OF ROSES

Helmut Kohl and John Major are both in some trouble. The German chancellor has suffered a string of political setbacks since reunification, and is now widely seen as a liability to his own party. The British prime minister is also casting about for a way to revive his party's flagging fortunes. Solidarity in adversity therefore gave their Chequers talks yesterday an added warmth. Relations between London and Bonn have not been better for years.

Herr Kohl and Mr Major bask in a mutual admiration society that is all the more striking for the contrast with the frosty relations of the Thatcher years. But the cameraderie is dangerous. For it masks profound differences, especially over Europe, which neither is eager to spell out.

Better links with the Germans were a priority for Mr Major before he could make any headway in Europe. His lauded Bonn speech in March gave him an immediate foreign-policy fillip. He has strong personal and political motives for building on this new friendship. Similarly, the chancellor, whose own special relationship with President Mitterrand is wilting, has invested in the new British flexibility to persuade his EC partners that nothing now stands in the way of closer European integration.

The danger is that in the fug of this warm atmosphere neither man makes it clear to the other where he stands on the issues now preoccupying the European Community: economic and monetary union, and defence and foreign policy integration. The Delors proposal would mean that Britain's commitment to European monetary union will be postponed until after a vote by the House of Commons; Herr Kohl believes that this will resolve the British dilemma.

Mr Major has given no such undertaking. He is under strong pressure from the Eurosceptic wing of his party not to tread the slippery slope. His own private vision of Europe, if any, remains undisclosed; and even if he has one, he will not reveal it before the election. Keeping the party together is hard enough; to allow the European monster out of its cage would be folly.

Chancellor Kohl is equally vague nowadays, but for different reasons. He has never been good at defining his policies in cold argument. His beliefs are communicated more by emotion and fuzzy enthusiasm that is left to aides to translate into policy. Nowadays, however, he is having to reconcile his own deeply felt European federalism with the increasing scepticism of German voters.

The Germans share the doubts of the Bundesbank on any monetary union that weakens the D-mark or gives foreign governments a say in its management. The Social Democrats have just shown, by their vote against any constitutional change to allow German troops to serve out of the Nato area, that they have a very different idea of common European defence from most other Community members. Herr Kohl is too preoccupied now with his domestic worries to pay more than lip-service to the old slogan "a European Germany, not a German Europe".

There should be a common interest in moving cautiously. The chancellor has no wish to embarrass Mr Major now, and has an interest in helping Conservative fortunes at a time when his Christian Democrats are trying to forge a closer political relationship with British Conservatism. Mr Major similarly knows that the chancellor does not want a new debate on the German defence effort or the implications of a common EC foreign policy. But time is pressing. The two inter-governmental conferences are ready to draft treaties, which will demand clarity from both sides. President Gorbachev's impending visit to London will pit Britain against Germany over the question of bailing out the Soviet Union.

The smiles at Chequers are a welcome change from the stiff encounters under Mrs Thatcher. But good chemistry is no substitute for common policies. If possible, Britain and Germany must work amicably together in Europe. If necessary, they must understand why they disagree. It would be good for neither of them if the smiles in the Chequers rose gardens meant that in private, the two men avoided all the thorny issues.

GUILLOTINING DOGS

Five months after ministers thought they had the issue safely rounded up and locked away, the wretched thing has slipped its leash in the corridors of Westminster. Once again the government is losing its grip on dogs. The decision to guillotine the Dangerous Dogs Bill in the House of Commons today is the latest but by no means the least in a series of canine misjudgments.

The stated reason for wanting to pass the bill through all stages in one 12-hour session is that action is urgent. But pit bull terriers, the main target of the legislation, were no less common (and no less prone to attack members of the public) when more modest dog-control measures were going through parliament last autumn. What makes the matter urgent for the government now is a sudden rise in pressure from the mass media resulting from a few well publicised pit bull attacks. These dogs should have been banned long ago.

There is a strong case for rejecting the package hurriedly put together by the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, and reinstating his earlier intention to have all pit bull terriers put down forthwith. If parliament is unwilling to go that far, there is a case for strengthening his measures so that the conditions under which these dogs can be kept are so onerous that only a handful will survive. Mr Baker accepts the overwhelming evidence that pit bull terriers should not be kept as domestic pets. He simply lacks the courage to legislate accordingly.

Even less excusably, he lacks the courage to defend himself properly in the House of Commons. The debate needed to expose these flaws in the government's case will be impossible if the second reading, the committee stage and the third reading are all crammed into a few hours. A guillotined debate will be a farce.

What the government most fears is a renewed attack by its own backbenchers on the related issue of dog registration. On the last occasion on which this arose, the government was driven to desperate measures. Despite pulling ministers in from Japan, New York, Brazil, Barbados and elsewhere, it fended off the introduction of a dog registration scheme by just three votes, 43 members defying the whip. That memory is what scares it now, and once more the payroll vote is being fully mustered to save the day. But government whips and business managers seem to fear they can keep their majority intact for only one day.

Last year's experience demonstrated that in an unwhipped House of Commons there would be a considerable majority for dog registration, as there was even in a whipped House of Lords. But last autumn's inadequate dog control measures were viable without an ownership register. The question needing to be addressed by parliament on its merits is whether the present proposals would work better with registration, as Labour argues, or without it.

The new approach in the Dangerous Dogs Bill makes it imperative that that debate be held again, unguillotined. The bill will require what amounts to registration for pit bull terriers and some other dangerous breeds, including a national mechanism for the issuing of licences, known as "exemptions". The bill creates a criminal offence of letting a dog run out of control, which may be hard to prove without a register if an owner disowns his dog. The government may have good answers to these new points, but this will be known only if it allows them to be properly examined by the normal parliamentary process.

Maybe a dog register would assist in the control of dangerous dogs. Maybe it would be an expensive waste of time. There is a case either way. Dog registration, even if it failed to achieve all that is claimed for it, is no great evil. Corrupting the integrity of the parliamentary process certainly is. The Commons should refuse to go along with this manipulation and should vote today to deny the government its guillotine.

PARTYING WITH LABOUR

Labour's £500-a-head fundraising ball at the Park Lane Hotel this weekend has unleashed predictable criticism from predictable critics. The Dennis Skinners on the left have grumbled at the folly of an elitist dinner. The Tory backwoodsmen have mocked Champagne Socialists and Bollinger Bolsheviks.

These critics simply display their narrow-mindedness. British politics have been bedevilled by the distortions of class, as if Labour supporters must quaff brown ale and eat chip butties while Tories graze on canapes and Chablis for ever. Faced with these class caricatures political debate too often gives way to social prejudice. Roy Jenkins in his Social Democrat days was tarred with looking at the world through claret-stained spectacles just because he preferred decent to bad wine.

That food and drink should be a class issue astonishes those in the rest of Europe, where the French left in particular is noted for its gustatory refinement. The $1,000-a-plate dinner, though less gastronomically elevated, plays a valued role in American political life. British political parties too must dump their prejudices if they are to win the support of a new generation of voters. The sums involved are too paltry to lead to any undue influence, but supporters have a chance to press the flesh with their candidates and leaders. Such events help dilute a party's financial dependence on unions or big business and bring the voters closer to their legislators. Most important, they make politics fun.

The Labour party is said to owe more of its origins to Methodism than marxism. Tony Benn's steaming pint mug of tea is clearly intended as a shining beacon of moral rectitude, as if champagne symbolises capitalist greed and exploitation. Yet it is socialist puritanism that leads to those bleak, never-ending late-night meetings which drive away all but the fanatics. Neil Kinnock, himself a sociable cove, loathes this kind of politics; how better to signal Labour's opposition to it than to hold a damn good party?

At constituency level the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives have a good record of using social events to raise cash. The less palatable parts of the European wine lake are lapped up at many a wine and cheese do. Nationally, however, they are less proficient. Neither the Tories' moderately priced Blue Ball nor its winter equivalent can match the style of Mr Kinnock's party.

The other parties should hasten to outparty him. A great deal of money would be raised from a really pricey knees-up that attracted both dukes and dustmen. If Labour can organise a classless event then so can the Tories and the Liberal Democrats. And may the best party win.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ERM in need of adjustments

From Professor A. P. L. Minford

Sir, Plainly the economy is in a much worse state than the government expected several months ago when six of us wrote to *The Times* (February 13) to warn of possible disaster.

The reason lies in the behaviour of monetary policy. It has been far too tight for far too long. As a result, it will require a much greater monetary relaxation now to bring anything other than a weak recovery. Indeed, there is a serious risk that corporate distress will deepen the recession much further and turn it into depression.

It was hoped that sticking to sterling's parity within the exchange-rate mechanism would create "credibility" and so make it easier to cut interest rates sufficiently later. That hope neglected the seriousness of the recession and the pressures created by the upcoming election; it also relied heavily on favourable external developments, in Germany, Spain and elsewhere.

It is now apparent, even to the most optimistic, that interest rates have been cut insufficiently to avert worsening recession. Interest rates are still actually rising in real terms. The money supply is stagnant, whatever measure is chosen. The real economy continued to fall in the first quarter and shows no signs of bottoming out.

While there is still a window of opportunity to cut interest rates within the ERM, it should be taken. But can we afford any longer to gamble the health of the economy on the slim chance that the window will not be slammed shut while we are trying to clamber out?

Interest rates need to be cut sharply to generate a monetary revival; that means to below 10 per cent now, and by more later if the money supply fails to react. If, later, it revives strongly, then they can be raised again. The ERM should be adjusted to make this monetary common sense possible, not the other way round.

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Fending off EMU

From Lord Bruce of Donington

Sir, It is to be hoped that your perceptive leader (May 31) on economic and monetary union, in which you conclude that economic union "is far from being a sensible goal even of 'good' Europeans", will encourage a cool and rational reappraisal of Britain's role within the EC.

For far too long, all rational discussion on this vital aspect of our affairs has been submerged in an avalanche of emotive generalisations, suggesting that unless we unequivocally agree, or commit ourselves to do so, to practically everything, including EMU, upon which our 11 partners have made up their minds, we are in danger of becoming "second-class" members of the EC, with all the detrimental economic and political consequences which that implies.

I have no doubt that EMU, leading inevitably to a federal Europe propelled by an EC non-elected Commission bent on establishing itself as the executive arm of a new European supranational state, is bound to receive, and is in fact receiving, powerful and well-heeled support from corporate power in the UK — bankers, financial institutions and other large conglomerates. These industrial and commercial giants are not subject to uninhibited consumer choice or to the genuine free competition operating within the "market economy" to which they purport to belong, together with other corporate multinationals and aggregations.

Can we now have a carefully considered and honestly argued case, setting out the advantages and disadvantages for the British people, as distinct from British corporate power, for our nation's further enmeshment with the economies of that part of continental Europe comprising the EC? One useful start to a considered reappraisal would be for someone to set out, in precise and unambiguous terms, just how much the British people have benefited, so far, from Britain's membership of the EC.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD BRUCE,
House of Lords.
June 2.

Creation of retrospective legislation

From Professor F. G. B. Millar, FBA

Sir, Has retrospective legislation now become a normal feature of government? If it has, is it really the case that no legal principles are involved, and that no concern need be felt about the rights of the individual?

The recent white paper, *Education and Training for the 21st Century* (report, May 21) sets out the government's intention to remove further education and sixth-form colleges from local authority control, without compensation, and place them under a government-appointed funding council, as from April 1993. What of the interim period (during which there will be a general election)?

The white paper refers back to an anouncement made by the secretary of state for education on March 21, 1991 (report, March 22). He "intended to seek the approval of Parliament" for legislation which would require local authorities to seek their approval for all disposals of assets of FE colleges and sixth-form colleges, and all contracts over £50,000. The effective date was set at March 22, 1991.

The legislation has not been passed by Parliament. Indeed not even a draft bill has been laid before Parliament. Nor can it be certain that the government will last long enough to do so. Yet it is not only that local authorities have been restricted by ministerial fiat, without parliamentary approval, from managing assets as they think best (painting and repairing one large building could easily cost over £50,000). What of a private individual who bought a piece of land in good faith, on March 22, from a local authority, or made a contract to repair a college? The white paper says "there will be a power of compulsory purchase" and "a right of repudiation".

But on March 22 the law of the land embodied no such right, and it does not do so now. Such procedures must seem to the non-lawyer to be an offence to natural justice and a gross misuse of legislative power. Is the matter of no concern to the legal profession? If a Conservative government is indifferent to legal propriety, what does it believe itself to be conserving?

Yours faithfully,
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Treating mentally ill

From the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Sir, The Prince of Wales has most helpfully pointed out the deficiencies of community care policies for the treatment of the mentally ill (report, May 30). There is stigma against the mentally ill, lack of understanding about mental illness by the general public, and very few resources in the community. And yet the great majority of sufferers wish to be treated outside hospital as far as possible. The problem can in large measure be solved but requires commitment from government to do so.

New requirements for treating the mentally ill in the community should be made available before the old provision in large mental hospitals is scrapped; this necessitates bridging finance to cover the change. What is needed is a diverse range of smaller units serving different functions, including a district general hospital psychiatric unit, residential hostels and group homes, day hospitals, out-patient facilities, and all these accessible to patients.

Unfortunately, in the most recent figures we have available, there has been a reduction in the proportion of the hospital budget spent on mental illness from over 15 per cent to about 11 per cent. In the past decade the resources for mental illness were too often eroded by demands elsewhere in the National Health Service.

Even so, the needs for better treatment of the mentally ill are not so much a large increase in expenditure but better and more directed deployment of existing resources. The experience from Australia has been that a much better community mental health service, with twice the number of trained psychiatrists as in the UK per 100,000 population, does not cost more than a largely hospital-based service.

More and better trained mental health professional staff working in and from appropriately designed and sited premises could substantially improve the lot of the mentally ill and their relations. It requires a concerted plan, not piecemeal handouts.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW SIMS, President,
The Royal College of Psychiatrists,
17 Belgrave Square, SW1.
June 3.

Teenage pregnancies

From the Director of the Family Planning Association

Sir, The answer to unplanned pregnancies among teenagers and, tragically, pre-teens is not to withhold confidential contraceptive help as Victoria Gillick suggests (June 3) but to provide targeted services to reach them.

In 1988 there were over 120,700 teenage pregnancies in England and Wales of which 89,000 were outside marriage; around a third of them ended in abortion. The UK compares badly with some European countries in its high rates of teenage pregnancy.

International research shows lower rates are found in countries with open attitudes to sex, family planning services accessible to young people and sex education programmes in schools. The Netherlands is such a country; its pregnancy rate for 15 to 17-year-olds is around seven per 1,000, compared to 27 per 1,000 in England and Wales.

Recent research found that half of teenage girls report having had sex before the age of 16. In this light the vital question is how to provide family planning services young people feel comfortable to use and adequate sex education to enable them to avoid the misery of unplanned pregnancy.

Yours faithfully,
DOREEN E. MASSEY,
Director,
Family Planning Association,
27-35 Mortimer Street, W1.

Polluted beaches

From the Director General of the British Safety Council

Sir, The European Blue Flag and Golden Starfish awards (report, June 6) are a farce, and yet another example of the government's refusal to accept that pollution on Britain's beaches has reached appalling levels.

I am concerned that the government's involvement in these awards is merely an attempt to distract attention from the alarming condition of Britain's beaches, now the most polluted in Europe.

In 1967 my council published a list of Britain's stinking beaches which was followed by a clean-up. Twenty-four years on, I am horrified by the latest findings, indicating that there has been no improvement and, if anything, the situation is getting worse.

One half of Britain's beaches are now contaminated with pollution and filth — condoms, sanitary towels, nappies, hypodermic syringes, raw sewage, medical waste, plastic and glass containers, even solvents leaking from plastic drums — posing serious risks to health and safety.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES TYE,
Director General,
British Safety Council,
National Safety Centre,
Chancellor's Road, W6.
June 6.

Versatile pasty

From Mr R. E. Plowman

Sir, May I suggest to your Truro correspondent (May 31) that a true Cornish pasty is not to be known by its filling. As an ingenious means of carrying the tin-miner's lunch underground, versatility was its virtue. What was to hand in the kitchen was used — meat and potatoes surely, onions were never far from the cook's mind, carrots perhaps, the addition of a turnip truly ambrosial.

A cold egg-and-bacon pasty was a wonderful adornment on the high-tea table and, as a boy in Cornwall, I heard strange tales of pasties with meat at one end and sugared apples at the other, serving as two heavenly-twinned courses.

What marks the authentic dish is its proud contours (nothing flat or lumpish), the texture of the filling, which must be diced and never minced and, above all, its size.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. PLOWMAN,
17 Kingswood Road, Bromley, Kent.

Running London

From the Leader of Westminster City Council

Sir, The Labour party's claim (report, May 22) that a Greater London Authority could perform a strategic role is fooling itself as well as the electorate. The Greater London Council was supposedly charged with that role. It failed because it was a remote, expensive and bureaucratic body which failed to get close to the customer.

This "son of GLC" will do precisely the same. Its terms of reference are a carbon copy of those of the GLC proposed by the Herbert Commission in 1960. That body also was meant to be "lean and hungry" and established on modern managerial principles with a small highly professional staff.

Some say that we need London-wide strategies for land-use planning and transport. The reality is different. In terms of planning the example of the Paddington special policy area illustrates how effective direct dealings by an individual London borough with central government can be and the case of Docklands, by contrast, demonstrates how ineffective was the GLC's approach.

At Paddington, Westminster City Council is dealing with the second biggest set of development proposals in London. By liaising with the Departments of the Environment and Transport we have achieved a sensible result on an issue of very large scale. It would not have helped to have had another tier of bureaucracy to deal with, as this would have involved lengthy delays in the planning process, cost the chargepayer more and taken longer to resolve.

In Docklands the rejuvenation of London's East End was too big for one borough to handle but the GLC failed completely to handle the matter. It took central government initiative to produce real results through the London Docklands Development Corporation.

Claims that a Greater London Authority could produce an integrated transport policy also do not bear scrutiny, particularly if you look at the GLC's record. It failed to invest in London's infrastructure and failed to grasp any control over strategic issues despite being specifically charged with that task. Instead it pursued a cheap fare policy for political expediency.

There is a transport strategy for London already. What we need are the resources to make it work. It would not help London Regional Transport to press its case to have another tier of bureaucracy through which to go.

Yours etc.,
DAVID WEEKS, Leader,
Westminster City Council,
PO Box 240,
Westminster City Hall,
64 Victoria Street, SW1.
June 6.

Seated firmly in tradition

From Mr P. C. Thompson

Sir, I refer to your Diary item (June 3) about the BBC's suggested abandonment of the use of the term "enthronement" of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Current practice in the Vatican need not influence this realm of England: we should be as much in error as they to abandon the "enthronement" of bishops. We should be yet more gravely in error to substitute the term "installation", which must be strictly reserved for the placing of deans and canons in their stalls.

One cannot instal a bishop since he has no stall: he has a throne and so has no choice but to be enthroned. If everyone took up Humpty Dumpty's attitude towards the meaning of words, we should have a sort of lexical anarchy.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. THOMPSON,
16 Edgar Street, Worcester.
June 3.

From his Honour Judge Peter Crawford, QC

Sir, The problems associated with the "enthronement" of the Archbishop of Canterbury reminded me that many years ago I was called upon to advise whether a newly appointed bishop was entitled to draw upon the diocesan bank account after his election, but before enthronement.

Upon reflection the clinching argument seemed to be that it was most unlikely that the bank branch holding the account would possess a rubber stamp engraved "Drawer not enthroned".

Yours faithfully,
PETER CRAWFORD,
The Law Courts,
St Aldates, Oxford.

From Ms Patricia Tyrrell

Sir, The suggestion that "installing" a new Archbishop of Canterbury may sound too much like central heating puzzles me, because surely the two processes are analogous?

Radiating warmth; helping people to make the best use of their surroundings and lives; aiding relaxation; making unlimited promises to improve the quality of existence — the list of similarities is a long one.

Yours truly,
PATRICIA TYRRELL,
17 Century Court,
Porth, Newquay, Cornwall.
June 3.

UK presence in Tirana

From Mr Simon Gordon

Sir, That Britain and Albania are to resume diplomatic relations after 45 years is welcome (report, May 23). However, there have been rumours that it is not the intention of the Foreign Office to establish a British embassy in Tirana, the Albanian capital. Britain's interests might be handled by our embassy in Belgrade and Albania would be represented at the Court of St James by her ambassador in Paris.

Thus Albania would be the only European country, apart from the mini-states like Monaco and Liechtenstein, where Britain is represented by consuls, that did not have a full British diplomatic presence as symbolised by a resident British ambassador.

The ground for this supposed decision appears to be that Britain has no significant economic interests in Albania. Despite that we must remember that many of our competitors, including France, Italy and Germany, have full diplomatic representation in Tirana.

Further, if such a decision has been taken, will it also apply to any of the potential new nations that may emerge over the next few years such as Slovenia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Georgia and Armenia?

Britain has to demonstrate a commitment to Eastern Europe and that applies to businessmen as well as to diplomats. Without such a commitment Britain will fall behind in the economic and political development of that region. A British embassy in Albania is but one step in ensuring that does not happen.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON GORDON,
5 Saint Andrew Street, EC4.
June 4.

Somnolent sermons

From the Right Reverend Lord Coggan

Sir, Somnolent sermons (letters, May 1[illegible] 27, June 1, 6)? Not likely, if he who preaches and they who listen know the truth of Thomas Carlyle's saying: "Who, having been called to be a preacher, would stoop to be a king?"

Yours sincerely,
DONALD COGGAN,
28 Lions Hall,
St Swithun Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.
June 7.

From the Head Master of St Peter's School, York

Sir, Of course there is always sermon cricket: a run for the mention of "I" and a wicket for the mention of "God".

I remember well the headmaster colleague who scored an effortless 93 for 2.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN PITTMAN, Headmaster,
St Peter's School, York.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 8: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel Grenadier Guards, took the Salute at the Colonel's Review of The Queen's Birthday Parade, on Horse Guards Parade.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 9: The Princess Royal, Patron, Royal Lymington Yacht Club, attended the Macnamara's Bowl Series, Lymington, Hampshire and was received by the Commodore (Air Vice Marshal Sir Alan Boxer).

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the Botanical Society of the British Isles, this afternoon opened a Nature Reserve at Aldbury Nowers, near Tring.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 9: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, today left Royal Air Force Northolt for Faro and Lisbon, Portugal to open the British Invisible/-Scottish Financial Enterprise Seminar on board HMY Britannia and other engagements.

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at the airport by Senhor Jorge Ryder Torres Pereira (from the Portuguese Embassy).

Mrs Peter Troughton and Commander Roger Walker RN are in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrates his birthday today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a Royal Salute and reception given by The King's Troop in Hyde Park at 11.50 to mark the Duke's birthday; The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new Sackler Galleries at the Royal Academy of Arts at 5.30; and will visit the Royal Society of Chemistry at Burlington House at 6.30 to mark its 150th anniversary.

The Duke of York will open the European Graphics Technology Centre in Harrow at 10.15; and, as Patron of the Children's Foundation, will attend a reception at The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 4.30 to promote the Yellow Brick Road Appeal.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Belstaff International, Caroline Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, at 10.30; will open the National Westminster Bank Computer Centre, Stone Business Park, at 11.50; will open the Guildhall Shopping Centre, Stafford, at 12.55; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop, 20 Crabbery Street, Stafford, at 2.30; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit John Partridge, Trent Meadows, Rugeley, at 3.15. Later, as a Past Master of the Farriers' Company, she will attend at dinner at Hampton Court Palace at 7.20.

Birthdays today

Mr Leonard Badham, former vice-chairman, J. Lyons and Company, 68; Mr W.G. Barr, former rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 74; Mr Saul Bellow, writer, 76; the Right Rev L.W. Brown, former Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 79; Sir Bryan Cartledge, principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 60; Sir Christopher Collett, former Lord Mayor of London, 60; Mr Robert Eddison, actor, 83; Sir Brinsley Ford, former chairman, National Art-Collections Fund, 83; Mr Justice Peter Gibson, 57; Mr Graham Carleton Greene, publisher, 55; Sir William Harris, civil engineer, 79; Mr Guy Harwood, racehorse trainer, 52; Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman, CEGB, 78; Dr Polly Hill, anthropologist, 77; Mr Lionel Jeffries, actor, 65; Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman, Mirror Group Newspapers, 68; Sir Geoffrey Otton, civil servant, 64; Mr Phil Tuck, jockey, 35; Major-General Michael Walsh, former Chief Scout, 64; the Ven C. Witton-Davies, Archdeacon Emeritus of Oxford, 78.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Francis Edward Stuart, the "Old Pretender", London, 1688; Gustave Courbet, painter, Ornans, France, 1819; Sir Edwin Arnold, poet and scholar, Gravesend, 1832; Sir Terence Rattigan, dramatist, London, 1911; Judy Garland, film star, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 1922.

DEATHS: Luis de Camoens, poet, Lisbon, 1580; George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabruck, Germany, 1727; André-Marie Ampère, physicist, Marseilles, 1836; Richard John Seddon, prime minister of New Zealand 1893-1906, at sea, 1906; Pierre Loti, novelist, Hendaye, France, 1923; Giacomo Matteotti, anti-fascist, murdered, Rome, 1924; Antonio Gaudi, architect, Barcelona, 1926; Frederick Delius, composer, Grez-sur-Loing, 1934; Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada 1911-20, Ottawa, 1937; Jack Johson, world heavyweight boxing champion 1910-15, 1946; Spencer Tracy, actor, 1967.

University news

Durham

Appointments to professorships

David Knight (History and Philosophy of Science); Robert Layton, (Anthropology); Edward Spooner (Electrical Engineering).

Newcastle

Appointments

Dr Rajinder S Bhopal, Senior Lecturer in Public Health Medicine at Newcastle University, to be Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health Medicine from 1 April 1991.

Dr John Burn, to be Professor of Clinical Genetics from 1 May 1991.

Dr John Knapton, appointed to the Chair of Structural Engineering from 1 August 1991.

Dr Mark Thompson, a Lecturer in Law at Leicester University, appointed as Professor of Law from 1 October 1991.

OBITUARIES

EVA LE GALLIENNE

Eva Le Gallienne, actress and director, died in Connecticut on June 3 aged 92. She was born in London on January 11, 1899.

EVA Le Gallienne was, with Lynn Fontanne (also London-born) and Katharine Cornell and Helen Hayes, a member of that quartet of powerful American actresses who between the wars and often on long regional tours of the USA began to take charge of what had hitherto been a male-dominated industry. The high priestess of classical drama in America, Le Gallienne always believed that the classics should be as readily available to the public in a theatre as they were on library shelves.

Her father was the British poet Richard Le Gallienne, and her mother the Danish writer and journalist Julie Norregaard. Eva was educated first at the College Sevinge in France and then at RADA, before making her stage debut on 21 July, 1914 as a page in *Monna Vanna* at the Queens Theatre. Thereafter, apart from one or two domestic alliances with equally powerful women, her life was totally devoted to acting, *teaching, writing and a succession of* Yorkshire terriers.

She moved to New York in 1915, made her Broadway debut that year in *Mrs Botany's Daughters* and by 1917 was already on a long tour of California in *Mr Lazarus* and *Rio Grande*. Back in New York a year later, she joined the Ethel Barrymore company for *The Duchess of France* and *The Off Chance*, but it was not until 1921 that she made her name as Julie in *Liliom* (the play that was later to become Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*) in a performance which several critics described as "perfection".

Two years later, again on Broadway, she achieved a similar success as Princess Alexandra in Molnar's *The Swan* (the role which later marked Grace Kelly's final screen appearance), but despite such triumphs Le Gallienne was already restless within the commercial constraints of contemporary Broadway. Her ambition was to form her own classical company, and to spread the word, of those who (like her) had seen Eleanora Duse on stage, that there was a more natural and realistic way to appear before an audience than the mix of sentimentality and bravado which then passed for stardom along the Great White Way.

By 1925 she had her wish: the Eva Le Gallienne Company opened in a series of special matinees of *The Master Builder* of which *The New York Times* wrote: "Miss Le Gallienne reveals every facet of Hilda Wangel: her entrance, knapsack in place, dressed in muddy tramping togs, was bold in the extreme. Sparing of gesture, she created a vibrant illusion of strength, directness and eerie perception."

Le Gallienne then toured Europe, where she found audiences more receptive to her often revolutionary artistry and was able to make a pilgrimage to see Duse, before returning to America and the realisation that her truest and best audiences often lay far outside New York. With the missionary zeal that was to be found in this country in the contemporary career of Sybil Thorndike, Le Gallienne formed several of her own companies and troupes, specialising in Ibsen and Shakespeare off-Broadway and on the road.

In 1927 she returned to Broadway *itself in Cradle Song*, went on to Hedda Gabler and Varya in *The Cherry Orchard* before directing and starring in a revival of *Peter Pan* which for many critics improved on the American original of Maude Adams. In the following year she played Juliet, Masha in *The Seagull* and Anna Karenina before going on to *Camille* in 1931. This was the performance which first unleashed on her the loathing of the powerful critic George Jean Nathan ("this is the first Camille I have ever seen die of catarrh"), a loathing which was to pursue her over the next twenty years and lead, some felt, to her semi-retirement from the stage and decision to concentrate on teaching after the war. On one occasion Nathan accused her of "trying to soar like an eagle, equipped only with the wings of a cuckoo" but there is some evidence that his loathing was as much to do with Le Gallienne's butch manner and offstage sexuality as with her undeniably remarkable talents as producer and star.

Through most of the 1930s, Le Gallienne ran her own Civic Repertory Company on 14th Street, a classical repertory company for which she fought long and hard through the worst of the Depression but which finally foundered on the familiar rocks of a cash crisis: it had regularly been losing a hundred thousand dollars a year while collecting some of the best reviews in the history of New York theatre.

Returning to Broadway in 1935 Le Gallienne premiered *L'Aiglon* and revived her Hedda before settling into a programme of classical tours which was to last well into the war. In 1937 she returned to New York for a celebrated female Hamlet, and two years later was still playing Juliet. In 1941 she produced and directed Eugene O'Neill's *Ah Wilderness* before joining Margaret Webster and Cheryl Crawford in the *foundation of the American Repertory* Theatre, yet another attempt to get the classics to the masses and this one thwarted by strong union objections to the rates of pay.

Undaunted, Le Gallienne formed a theatrical academy for students, paying for it by stints on Broadway as the White Queen in *Alice in Wonderland* and tours of Emlyn Williams' *The Corn is Green*. In October 1957 she starred with Irene Worth in Tyrone Guthrie's famous production of *Mary Stuart* ("thin, pale, fastidious, with a small voice that can express great emotion," thought *The New York Times*, "Miss Le Gallienne gives a big performance within a small compass").

Throughout her sixties, Le Gallienne continued to tour America in *Mary Stuart*, *The Cherry Orchard* and *Elizabeth the Queen*. Nathan delivered his last attack on her in *Ghosts* ("she is so cold that one expects a frosty mist to issue from her mouth") but she enjoyed considerable success with the National Repertory Company and began making the occasional film and television appearances, notably as Gertrude to an early Richard Burton *Hamlet* and as Mrs Dudgeon in the Olivier-Burt Lancaster *Devil's Disciple* (1959).

By now her stage appearances were more infrequent, but she was on Broadway again in 1968 for Ionesco's *Exit the King* and in 1970 played the Countess in *All's Well*, as well as directing, in Connecticut, her own translation of *The Cherry Orchard*. Her last appearances included *The Royal Famili* (Broadway 1975 with Rosemary Harris) and the 1980 film of *Resurrection* with Ellen Burstyn and Sam Shepard.

In 1964 she won a special Tony award for services to the theatre: she also wrote a biography of Eleanora Duse, several Hans Christian Andersen translations and two autobiographies.

BERTICE READING

Bertice Reading, singer, died in London aged 58. She was born in Chester, Pennsylvania.

WITH her exuberant personality and rotund shape Bertice Reading was a black American singer of the blues who found her greatest professional success on this side of the Atlantic and settled here. She appeared in musicals, straight plays, nightclubs, jazz festivals, on television and in one-woman shows and critics described her voice, variously, as being like a velvet foghorn or "dripping molasses."

The popular press took great delight in her 18-stone weight, her love of champagne and her complex private life which included four marriages - to a Swiss impresario, a Belgian airline executive, an English aristocrat and finally to an astrologer less than half her age. Bertice Reading took this in her stride. She delighted in being both fat and funny and her personality and lifestyle were undoubtedly of the larger than life variety.

She first came to London in the 1950s as singer with the Lionel Hampton band and stayed on to join the cast of the musical review, *Jazz Train*. She was seen in this show by Princess Margaret and invited to Windsor Castle to perform in front of the Queen - an event which she described as her most memorable.

In the ensuing years she broadened her range appearing at the Royal Court and on Broadway in Tony Richardson's productions of *Requiem for a Nun* and William Faulkner's *Sanctuary* and, in 1981, in a National Theatre production of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. In 1959 she was nominated for a Tony award for best supporting actress for her performance in *Requiem for a Nun*.

She had perhaps her greatest success starring in a stage revival of *South Pacific* in 1988 playing Bloody Mary, a role she seemed born to perform. She said that after consulting the original James Mitchener short story, *Fo Dolla*, she had ignored the more insipid portrayal of the character in the Hollywood film version and performed the role as a gutsy earth mother.

Bertice Reading was born into a black, Catholic family in Pennsylvania, the only daughter of a hospital therapist, and according to her own account, began her career at the age of three dancing with the celebrated tap-dancer, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. She later won a talent contest in which the prize was a week's engagement with the Lionel Hampton Orchestra. When Ernestine Anderson, the band's regular vocalist, broke her arm, Reading replaced her and travelled with the muscians to Europe.

After *Jazz Train* she appeared at the Royal Court in *Member of the Wedding* and then, in 1958, in *Valmouth* for which Sandy Wilson wrote her the role of Mrs Yaj. She also appeared in *Simply Heavenly*. For a while she lived in Paris and Geneva and in 1987 appeared for three months at the Folies Bergère singing while perched on a tightrope.

She performed in four one-women shows at the London fringe theatre, the King's Head, two of which transferred to the West End. Her screen roles included appearances in *Little Shop of Horrors* and *The Moon in the Gutter*. She was rehearsing for a new musical, *Notre Dame*, based on the Victor Hugo story *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, when she suffered a stroke on Thursday. She had two children from her first marriage. Her daughter was killed in a car accident. She is survived by her son and by her fourth husband.

SIR RONALD PRAIN

Professor Kenneth Kirkwood writes:

YOUR concise obituary notice correctly emphasised Sir Ronald's Prain's fearless integrity in respect of crucial issues of "race" and "race relations", a stand of historical significance to the Commonwealth and the world. His faith in the value of a truly scientific approach to such questions also underlay the pioneer endowment in 1954 by the RST group of mining companies of Oxford university's professorship of race relations, the first Chair to be attached to the then new St Antony's College, a graduate foundation concerned with international and regional studies. On the strength of this benefaction St Antony's later instituted a Sir Ronald Prain research fellowship in race relations, an appointment for which there was the keenest competition and to which Sir Ronald was pleased to lend his personal support. Sir Ronald's rich corpus of published papers is also deserving of special mention.

Marriages

Mr D. de B. Kinahan
and Miss A.M. Bence-Trower
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St John the Evangelist, West Meon, Hampshire, of Mr Danny de Burgh Kinahan, elder son of Sir Robin and Lady Kinahan, of Castle Upton, Templepatrick, Co Antrim, to Miss Anna Marguerite Bence-Trower, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs Peter Bence-Trower, of West Meon, Petersfield, Hampshire. Canon Norman Barnett and Canon Kenneth Wills officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicholas Carter, Hugo McMullen, George Maltby, Rosie Armitage, Joanna Heriot-Maitland, Francesca Grieve and Miss Caroline Bence-Trower. Major Mark Coreth was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.P. Peach
and Miss A.M. Jenkins
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, of Mr Mark Peach, elder son of Sir Leonard and Lady Peach, of Wentworth, Surrey, to Miss Ann Jenkins, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gareth Jenkins, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. The Rev R. Stapleton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sam and Miesje Chafer. Mr Christopher Harvie was best man.

A reception was held at Chenies Manor House and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Mr C.R.C. Wild
and Miss J.R.V. Black
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, at St Mary's, Streatley, of Mr Christopher Wild, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Wild, of Slade Farm, Ockham, Surrey, to Miss Joanna Black, youngest daughter of Sir David Black, of Elvendon Priory, Goring, and Mrs Rosemary Black, of Redmoor Lodge, West Haddon, Northamptonshire. The Rev G.P. Thornley officiated, assisted by Canon W.G. Gibbs.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Georgina and Henrietta Hardy, Alice Robinson, Georgina Newton, Jamie Robinson and Jack Cartwright. Mr Johnathan Wild was best man.

The reception was held at Elvendon Priory and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.J. Attwater
and Miss H.R. Hudson
The marriage took place on Wednesday, June 5, 1991, in London, of Mark John, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Attwater, of Folkestone, Kent, to Helen Rosemary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith Hudson, of Baughurst, Hampshire.

Mr C.E. Darby
and Miss F.G.A. Tardy
The marriage took place on May 25, 1991, at Notre Dame La Grande, Poitiers, of Charles, twin son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Darby, of Rock Farm House, Upper Harlestone, Northamptonshire, and Florence, daughter of General and Madame P. Tardy, of the Hotel de Commandment, Poitiers.

Mr D.C. Gamba
and Miss S.J. Wakely
The marriage took place on June 5, in Versailles, of Daniel Gamba and Susanne Wakely.

Mr A.J. Long
and Miss F.C. Cotter
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 1, at Christ Church, Crookham Parish Church, between Mr Andrew Long, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.C. Long, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Miss Fiona Cotter, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs J.L. Cotter, of Crookham, Hampshire. The Rev Father John Evans officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Natasha Bye and Miss Laura Sinclair. Mr Graham Long was best man.

The reception was held at Tylney Hall, Rotherwick, and the honeymoon will be spent in America.

Mr F.G.D. Montagu
and Miss O.M. Hardie
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Shipton Moyne, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, of Mr Francis Montagu, son of Mrs William Montagu, of Frant, East Sussex, and the late Commander William Montagu, and Miss Olivia Hardie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Patrick Hardie, of Shipton Moyne, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. The Right Rev William Llewellyn officiated, assisted by the Rev Stanley Wood.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Elizabeth and Sarah Montagu, Phoebe May and Mary Stevenson. Mr Charles Montagu was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr J.P.M. Norbury
and Miss A.F. Nicolle
The marriage took place on Saturday, at Malmesbury Abbey, Wiltshire, of Mr Jonathan Norbury, only son of the late Dr K. Norbury and of Mrs Jennifer Norbury, of Gosforth, Newcastle, and Miss Fiona Nicolle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Nicolle, of The Tithe Barn, Didmarton, Gloucestershire. Archdeacon Derek Hayward officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Kim and Anthony Kershaw, Marcus and Camilla Watson, Sam and Jack Kershaw and Claudia Bates. Alick Campbell was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Dr D. Worsley
and Mrs P.R. Edwards
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, 1991, at Aaros Church, Norway, of David Worsley, son of Mrs Margaret Josephine Worsley and the late Mr Harry Worsley, of Chorley, Lancashire, to Rosalind Edwards, daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Frank C. Waddams, of Batcombe, Somerset.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

On June 7, at its Fellows' Admission Ceremony, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, was pleased to admit to the Fellowship ad eundem: Professor Lidija Andolsek, Yugoslavia; Miss Margaret Brain, England; Professor Robert Derom, Belgium; Dame Mary Donaldson, England; Professor the Rev Canon Gordon Dunstan, England; Mr David Evans England and Professor Roger Short, Australia.

Also, ninety-seven Fellows were admitted in person and 73 in *absentia*.

In the evening, the president, Mr Stanley Simmons and Mrs Simmons, were hosts at a dinner at which the newly admitted Fellows ad eundem were guests of honour.

Nature notes have been held over due to pressure of space

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Archer
and Miss J.E. Edwards
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Archer, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.R. Edwards, of Cwrt Newydd Farm, Llandow, Cowbridge.

Mr C.W. Barrows
and Miss C.M. Vickers
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Peter Barrows, of Chapmore End, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Michael Russell, of Taynton, Oxfordshire, and Carolyn, daughter of the late Mr Christopher Vickers and of Mrs Kenneth Burns, of Colchester, Essex.

Mr D.N. Bowcock
and Miss V.S. Lanham
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs B.N. Bowcock, of Nantwich, Cheshire, and Verity, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.S.J. Lanham, of Wythall, Worcestershire.

Mr S.L. Glasgow
and Miss M.M. Creedon
The engagement is announced between Simon Lawrence, son of Dr and Mrs Gavin Glasgow, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Margaret Madelaine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Aidan Creedon, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.C.D'A. Horn
and Miss C.M. Russell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Mr Timothy Walter Horn and of Mrs Horn, of Donhead Hall, Wiltshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Russell, of Bidlake Farm, Devonshire.

Mr S.J. Mallett
and Miss C.F. Farrant
The engagement is announced between Simon Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Mallett, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, and Caroline Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Farrant, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.W.C. Ryder
and Miss A.A. Marriott
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Ryder, of Great Bradley, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Alice, daughter of Commander and Mrs John Marriott, of Inkpen, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr J.V. Sandelson
and Miss C.J. Engle
The marriage will shortly take place between Jeremy, son of Mr Basil Sandelson and Mrs Vanda Renton, and Cecily, daughter of Sir George and Lady Engle.

Mr T.T. Solling
and Miss S.L. Ormsby Wigmore
The engagement is announced between Timur Tom, eldest son of Mr Lief Solling, of Copenhagen, and Stephanie Louise, youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs James Wigmore, of Bristol.

Mr G.K. Wadsworth
and Miss R.J. Cook
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs T. Wadsworth, of Upper Minety, Wiltshire, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr R.C.M. Cook, FRCS, and Mrs A.V. Cook, of Grassendale Park, Liverpool.

Mr R.C. Wilson
and Miss A.L. May
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs I. Wilson, of Hythe, Kent, and Annabel, daughter of Mr R. May, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs J. Broom Smith, of Terrick, Buckinghamshire.

Highgate School

The Governors of Highgate School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Simon Evers, at present Headmaster of Ranby House School, Retford, to be Master of the Junior School at Highgate from September 1991.

Jonathan Romain

Love challenges faith

CHRISTIANS and Jews have long been used to their respective ministers encouraging them to follow the biblical command to "love your neighbour as yourself". However, an increasing number of them are now implementing it in a much more literal way than was ever intended: by marrying neighbours not of their own faith.

Such unions occurred in the past, but were infrequent. The religious hierarchy on both sides dismissed them as ungodly and as bound to end in tears. Today, those assumptions can no longer be maintained, as was evident from the results of a major seminar held recently for couples in mixed-faith relationships.

One myth to be exposed was that those who marry out of their faith are deliberately rejecting it. In reality many still feel deeply attached to their religious roots and see no contradiction between that and their love for a person of a different faith. In their eyes, their choice of marriage partner did not signal any lessening of their religious commitment. It was also clear that many such marriages are successful and long lasting. Many partners claimed that the two faiths were mutually enriching and that they had established a domestic religious harmony of which they were proud.

Still, there is no doubt that the practical problems facing such couples are enormous and span a lifetime. They start with the difficulty of where to hold the wedding, with each partner (and their respective families) usually pressing for their own place of worship as the venue. The general solution is the no-man's land of a Register Office ceremony. The result is that many couples who had always envisaged a "white wedding" or who, however lapsed, still wanted God's blessing upon their union, begin their marriage with a disappointment. The arrival of children forces immediate decisions to be made regarding entry rituals such as baptism and circumcision. It also raises the question of their religious identity and education. Some parents work out an acceptable solution based on one, both or neither faiths; others find it a permanent source of conflict.

Death presents added complications. Many couples opt for cremation as a way of side-stepping the territorial problem of which cemetery to be buried in. There is still the question of who should officiate at the ceremony. The minister from the faith of the partner who died would perform the last rites appropriate to their tradition; but that of the surviving partner might be better at helping them through the bereavement.

From the perspective of the faiths themselves, there are other, much wider issues at stake. A family that contains different religious loyalties will almost certainly make compromises to accommodate them and to prevent them becoming divisive. These are likely to result in the neglect of many religious practices, whether domestic rituals or attendance at public worship; at the same time beliefs will be fudged into a general theme of goodwill to all mankind without any distinctive theology. If the parents practise little, then the continuity of any faith in the next generation is also in jeopardy.

Many ministers feel torn by conflicting interests when an engaged couple explain that they are very much in love and genuinely compatible. They know that the couple may be right and may lead a blissfully happy life together, they are also unwilling to act against their own principles.

The Jewish community in Britain has an added, demographic concern. With a total size of only 330,000 Jews and a present outmarriage rate of one in three, there are fears that the drop-out caused by mixed-faith marriage could seriously endanger the community's survival. The threat of extinction through assimilation that confronted Ezra still haunts today's leadership.

Until recently the reaction was to condemn those who married out and to ostracise them from communal life. It is clear, however, that this policy has little effect, for outmarriage is steadily increasing, while it ignores the needs of those already in mixed-faith situations.

A new attitude is developing amongst many ministers: they still express a preference for marriages in which both partners are of the same faith and for the establishment of religiously-united family life; but they also recognise that there is a duty to respond positively to those who have chosen otherwise. Disapproval of a trend need not mean automatic rejection of those individuals who are part of it.

Clergy are thus obliged to walk a theological tight-rope: not wanting to condone relationships that endanger their faith and add many potential hazards to the institution of marriage; yet wishing to give pastoral support to those concerned and to nurture the religious feelings they still possess. However, daunting, the attempt is a worthwhile one.

Rabbi Jonathan Romain is minister of Maidenhead Synagogue.

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For the Gospel reveals how God puts people right with himself: it is through faith from beginning to end. As the scripture says, 'The person who is put right with God through faith shall live.' Romans 1 : 17 GNB

BIRTHS

BLACKETT - On 11th May, 1991, in New York to Paz (née Villanueva) and Richard a son, Christopher James, a brother for Georgina and William.

BULLEN - On June 5th in Hannover, to Sue (née Gall), and Michael, a son (Angus Frederick Heath), a brother for Charlotte and Hannah.

CALVO-PLATERO - On June 4th in New York City to Mario and Ariadne (née Beaumont) a son, Oliver Guido.

CONYGNHAM - On Wednesday, May 29th, to Carole (née Power) and Simon, a daughter, Frances. At West London, just in time.

MEYER - On June 7th 1991, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Fenella (née Cracroft) and David, a daughter, Polly Eleanor

MORLAND - On June 3rd, to Isobel (née Polkinghorne) and Timothy, a son, William Martin, a brother for Katherine and Edward.

SPENCE - On June 5th to Sharon and Richard, a son, Samuel Gavin James, a brother to Anna.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MILLING:TODD - On June 9th 1941 at Church of the Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, Peter Francis to Euphemia Margaret (Peggy). Now at 3 Homefield Park, Ballasalla, I.O.M.

DEATHS

CHEVELEY - On June 7th, peacefully at home, Stephen William O.B.E. aged 91. Beloved husband of the late Joan Cheveley, father of Michael, Anne and Roger. Funeral Service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Thursday, June 13th at 10.30 am. Family flowers only.

HALE - On June 5th 1991 at the Royal Marsden Hospital, peacefully and courageously after a long illness, Edward (Ted) Mathew Blagden, M.W., beloved husband of Janet and most loved father of Sophie, Mathew and Thomas. Funeral private but a thanksgiving service in his memory will be held in Gloucestershire at a date to be announced. Donations if desired to The Continuing Care Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3.

McKEAN - Beatrice (Bice) (née Bellairs) on June 5th peacefully and gracefully, much loved mother and grandmother, friend and inspiration to 100s. Funeral service to be held on Thursday 13th of June at Saint Peters Hascombe at 2:30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Anna Fund, named after her granddaughter for research into Down's Syndrome, top floor, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1. Charity number 326138. Donors names attached to special wreath. Inquiries: - 0734 744260

PICKERING - On June 6th, peacefully in her 96th year, Dorothy Elizabeth Craze, widow of Richard Pickering, much loved mother of Joan (Arthur) and Richard, loving and loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at The Church of The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy, on Wednesday June 12th at 1.00pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Alzheimer Disease Society, C/O Quinn Funeral Service, West Kirby, Wirral, Tel 051 625 5274.

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WILSON - At Ninewells Hospital, Dundee on June 6th, 1991, Archibald Wilson, 8 Alison Place, St Andrews, dear brother of Janet Moffat, Betty Lockie, and Lily Brown. Funeral service at Dundee Crematorium on Tuesday June 11th at 1:30 pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GREEN - A Memorial Service for Lionel Green will be held at West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, London W1, tomorrow at 6.30 pm.

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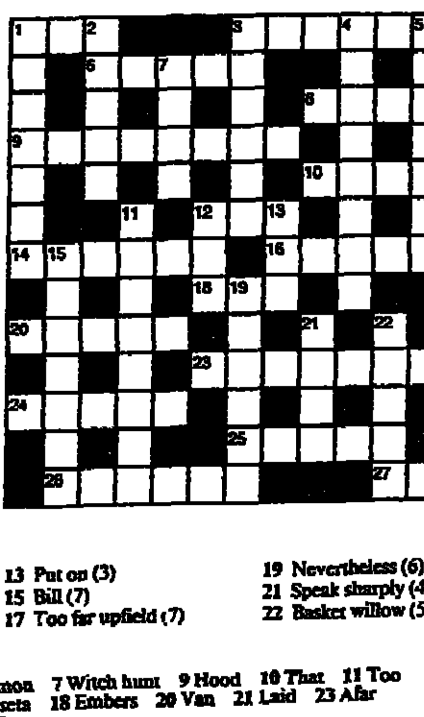

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE FORCES HELP SOCIETY AND LORD ROBERTS WORKSHOPS will be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Brompton Road, SW7 in the County of London, on Thursday 4 July 1991 at 2.30 pm.

COLONEL A.W. DAVIS
Comptroller & Secretary
122 Brompton Road
London
10 June 1991 SW3 1JE

On Wednesday 12th June 1991 the following Annual General Meetings will be held at 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2:
3.00pm The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship
5.30pm Commonwealth Trust
7.00pm Royal Commonwealth Society

THE BRITISH LEBANESE ASSOCIATION LTD

The Annual General Meeting of the British Lebanese Association Ltd will be held at the Long Drawing Room of the English Speaking Union Dartmouth House Club, 37 Charles Street, London W1X 8AB on Tuesday 25th June 1991, beginning at 6.30 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

GRENVIL ASSOCIATES LIMITED

A Final Meeting of Members and Creditors of the above named Company has been summoned by the Liquidator for the purposes of having an account laid before them by the Liquidator, pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, showing the manner in which the winding up of the said Company has been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determing the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of. The meeting will be held on 16 July 1991 at 10.30 a.m. at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS. The Liquidator is Peter G Mills of No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS.
P G MILLS
Liquidator
4 June 1991

IN THE MATTER OF BEACON SIGNS LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Kevin Paul Barry, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Associates, 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 30th May 1991.
Dated this 30th day of May, 1991
Kevin Paul Barry. FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Associates
Chartered Accountants
20 New Road
Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 1UF

IN THE MATTER OF FIRMHEIGHTS LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 30th May 1991.
Dated this 30th day of May, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira. ACA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
QUEENSLAND PROPERTIES LIMITED
Registered number: 435468. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
RH Oldfield and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos. 2515 & 2232)
Address: PO Box 730
20 Farringdon Steet
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
FORD SELLAR MORRIS DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 2111793. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: British Linen Bank Limited.
RH Oldfield and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT PROPERTIES LIMITED
Registered number: NI 15377. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
WB Wilson and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Address: PO Box 730
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
CENTRE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIMITED
Registered number: NI 12918. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
WB Wilson and CTE Hayward
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
CENTROVINCIAL ESTATES (DERBY) LIMITED
Registered number: 1083389. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
AJ McMahon and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
TOWERMILL PROPERTIES LIMITED
Registered number: NI 15635. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Joint Administrative Receivers
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
CENTROVINCIAL ESTATES (MAYFAIR) LIMITED
Registered number: 851171. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
RH Oldfield and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos. 2515 & 2232)
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ATHOLL PROPERTY CONSULTANTS (SCOTLAND) LIMITED
Registered number: SCO 56898. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited
IS Murdoch and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos. 5136 & 2232)
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
CFT PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATES LIMITED
Registered number: NI 9618. Nature of business, Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
FORD SELLAR MORRIS RETAIL LIMITED
Registered number: 2217673. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
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Joint Administrative Receivers
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Registered number: 2285763. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
AJ McMahon and CTE Hayward
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ATHOLL BUILDING CONTRACTORS (SCOTLAND) LIMITED
Registered number: SCO 58497. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ATHOLL DEVELOPMENTS (SCOTLAND) LIMITED
Registered number: SCO 46114. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ATHOLL HOLDINGS (SCOTLAND) LIMITED
Registered number: SCO 74061. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT SCIENCE PARK LIMITED
Registered number: 2324199. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT CITY INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 2225201. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
AJ McMahon and CTE Hayward
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
Registered number: 1460888. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT ESTATES LIMITED
Registered number: 1730022. Nature of business. Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 2111702. Nature of business: Property Developments and Investors. Trade classification. 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT LEISURE LIMITED
Registered number: 2340481. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BROOKMOUNT TRADING LIMITED
Registered number: 2086495 Nature of business. Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BURNHAM ESTATES LIMITED
Registered number: 442035. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
FORD SELLAR MORRIS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 2216226. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc.
RH Oldfield and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
PSM (ACQUISITIONS) PLC
Registered number: 2319277. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAW 276 LIMITED
Registered number: 2519441. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAW 297 LIMITED
Registered number: 2519308. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
AJ McMahon and CTE Hayward
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAW 50 LIMITED
Registered number: 2281069. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAW 92 LIMITED
Registered number: 2307025. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 May 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: British Linen Bank Limited.
RH Oldfield and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos. 2515 & 2232)
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20 Farringdon Steet
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAW 98 LIMITED
Registered number: 2307030. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 May 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: British Linen Bank Limited
RH Oldfield and CTE Hayward
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos. 2515 & 2232)
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAW 99 LIMITED
Registered number: 2307217 Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: British Linen Bank Limited.
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Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos. 2515 & 2232)
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
MELLOW TREND LIMITED
Registered number: 2368967. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trust Company.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ATHOLL LAND LIMITED
Registered number SCO 89767. Nature of business. Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BRASSHOLD LIMITED
Registered number: 1879102. Nature of business: Property Developers and Investors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bankers Trustee Company Limited.
AJ McMahon and CTE Hayward
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The Royal Engineers had its origins in the early 17th century as Trenchmasters; such units had civilian status until 1787 when they became a military corps.

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MILITARY BRIDGES

As the Bridge Establishment of the Duke of Wellington's army in Belgium is on a greater scale than has been known in the British service at any former period, it may be acceptable to give some information of the final arrangements which have been made for the performance of that very essential branch of military duty; particularly as the subject appears, of late to have attracted a good deal of public attention.

To our non-military readers, it may be proper previously to explain, that the pontoons, used in the formation of bridges in the field, are portable boats, which, in the British service are made of tin, for the sake of lightness, and the construction of which is so ingeniously contrived, that if the sides or bottom are perforated in several places by shot holes, they are prevented from sinking by a great number of water tight partitions.

Each pontoon is mounted on a waggon, which also carries an anchor, and a certain number of baulks, planks, oars, ropes, and other stores, in such quantity as to complete exactly that portion of the bridge which one pontoon is capable of supporting.

When an army, after a march, arrives at a river, over which a bridge is to be formed, the pontoons are taken off their carriages, launched, and anchored in line, abreast of each other, at any distance apart which may be judged convenient. Then the baulks are laid on, extending from one pontoon to another; across which the planks are afterwards applied; and thus a bridge, capable of passing troops, cavalry, and artillery, can be made in a very short time.

Ten pontoons will form a good bridge for infantry over a river of about 60 yards wide ...

The formation of military bridges in the British service is considered a part of the duty of the engineer department. During the whole of the late war in the Peninsula, officers of that corps had the charge of the pontoon train, and directed its operations and movements; but the establishment was at first very incomplete. A party of Portuguese naval officers and seamen, occasionally assisted by soldier of the line, none of whom (either sailors or soldiers) were previously trained to that duty, acted as pontooners. To these a small party of British seamen was subsequently added. Civil artificers executed the repairs; Spanish bullock drivers, and oxen, and afterwards a detachment of artillery drivers and horses, commanded by a Captain of the royal artillery, were employed in the movements.

From this heterogeneous mixture of officers and men of different nations, and of various professions and departments military, naval and civil, that perfect unity of action which is essential in all military operations could scarcely be expected. A new and more efficient system has therefore recently been adopted in Belgium. The Pontoons are to be manoeuvred entirely by officers and men of the engineer department, and the drivers and horses appropriated for that duty are also put entirely under the command of the engineers, on the same principle which was some years before acted upon by Buonaparte, in the "Train du Génie," the advantages of which were strongly pointed out by Lieut.-Col. Jones, of the Royal Engineers, in his late publication on the sieges in Spain ...

As the fact is not generally known, it is proper to state, for the information of the public, that the royal sappers and miners in the British service are not merely trained to the peculiar operations of sapping and mining, but likewise to all the other practical field duties of the engineer department.

NEW RELEASES

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ MARKED FOR DEATH (18): Depressing vehicle for action hulk Steven Seagal, a human pit bull terrier determined to eradicate a Jamaican drugs gang. Director: Dwight Little.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791).

CURRENT

AY CARMELA! (12): Carlos Saura's boisterous, but shallow tale of travelling actors embroiled in the Spanish Civil War. Carmen Maura, Andres Pajares.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

CITIZEN KANE (U): Welles's *enthralling examination of the American* dream celebrates its 50th birthday with a new print. Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

LE COP 2 (12): Philippe Noiret and a vivid Parisian setting lend some charm to the further adventures of two rogue cops. Director, Claude Zidi.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

◆ CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano, director Jean-Paul Rappeneau.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ THE DOORS (18): Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (a good impersonation from Val Kilmer).
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

◆ GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15): Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Robert De Niro, Annette Bening.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ HAMLET (U): Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a *Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary*, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of Red Sorghum.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

JULES ET JIM (PG): Truffaut's classic 1962 portrait of a triangular relationship, frisky and tragic by turns. Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner, Henri Serre.
Everyman (071-435 1525) Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ L.A. STORY (15): Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ MISERY (18): Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting *a best-selling novelist (James Caan).* Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NIGHT SUN (12): Tolstoy's Father Sergius adapted by the Taviani Brothers. A modest performance by Julian Sands as the monk struggling with earthly sins, but the images glow magically.
Renoir (071-837 8402) Minema (071-235 4225).

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG): Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18): Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished and *repellent* thriller from director Jonathan Demme.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): *Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece* about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin). Somewhat arch, but tender.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ WHITE PALACE (18): Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader. Director, Luis Mandoki.
Plaza (071-497 9999)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ ALL FOR LOVE: Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

☐ ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA: Talawa Theatre's touring production: patchy but powerful in places.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC2 (071-387 9629). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm. 180mins. Final week.

◩ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◩ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire and David Yip return.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ *KIT AND THE WIDOW* — LAVISHLY RE-MOUNTED: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sissons.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. 135mins. Final week.

☐ A LONG WAY FROM HOME: Rambling but likeable play touching on *the changing fortunes of a black club* in Fifties Soho.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS: Judi Dench and Niamh Cusack stand out in Sam Mendes' otherwise disappointing production.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2pm. 170mins.

☐ SAILOR, BEWARE!: Jolly revival of the excellent Fifties farce, with Jane Freeman in elephantine voice.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

☐ SAME OLD MOON: Irish girl discovers sex, literature and paternal love in over-familiar tale.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 105mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 *(071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat,* 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

◩ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins. Final week.

◩ THE TRIAL: Alan Perrin replaces Antony Sher in Berkoff's production.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 180mins.

☐ WHITE CHAMELEON: Christopher Hampton growing up in Suez: *only moderately compelling.*
National (Cottesloe) (as above). Tonight, 7.30pm. 130mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◩ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◩ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ◩ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

TODAY'S EVENTS

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION: The 23rd show of works by the unknown, as well as the better-known. Artists such as Balthus, De Kooning, Ghika and Jasper Johns: bright and bountiful abstract paintings, prints and sculptures, as well as memorial works by William Dring.
Royal Academy Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). 10am-8pm, until August 18.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: Peter Wright's thrilling production of *Swan Lake*, with Japanese ballerina Miyako Yoshida and Mark Silver in the leading roles. Sumptuous designs by Philip Prowse.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm, until June 13.

IDOMENEO: Classic Trevor Nunn production of Mozart's maritime fable. The London Philharmonic is led by Graeme Jenkins, with Keith Lewis in the title role.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 5.10pm.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Tribute to Paul Tortelier, French master of the cello, by the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Sir Charles *Groves, and Yan Pascal Tortelier. Soloists* include the late cellist's wife Maud, Janos Starker, Raphael Sommer and Arto Noras.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

THE BACH CHOIR: Another bicentenary concert to mark the composer's death: an evening of Mozart (including the Horn Concerto No 2 and the Mass in C minor), with the English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Sir David Willcocks.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

PETER GRIMES: Tim Albery's impressive, abstract vision of Britten's opera is vividly performed by the ENO orchestra and cast. Graeme Matheson-Bruce takes over from Philip Langridge in the leading role; Josephine Barstow as Ellen Orford. Noel Davies conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: Lynne Bristow and Gail Taphouse make their debuts in *Les Biches*, a dated depiction of 1920s manners and morals; Durante and Pickford make their debuts in the classic *Scènes de ballet*.
Covent Garden London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 8pm.

VOICE OF THE WORLD: An *evening of poetry, music and storytelling*: Peter Plate with some eccentric tales of everyday American life, Nick Toczek's poetic view of Britain and Ilona Vildebrand, German singer and songwriter.
Voice Box, South Bank Centre, Level 5 (red side), London SE1 (071-921 0943), 7.30pm.

ROACHFORD: Bright British black hope Andrew Roachford combines hard rock punch and soul sensibility. This tour with his band features material from his new album, *Get Ready!*
St David's, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE JAZZ FESTIVAL: The 29th Street Quartet is a lively line-up, with big-band style ensembles and sharp soloing. (Festival until Saturday.)
Playhouse, Barras Bridge, Newcastle (091 232 8520), 7.30pm.

A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: The national tour of this Sixties musical arrives tonight for a week in Cardiff. Gary Glitter, in his first theatrical venture, stars as Eric "Rubber Legs" de Vene, the nightclub owner who presides over a timeless tale of teenage romance.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844).

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL: Reminiscences of Leonard Bernstein in music, film and talk, led by Humphrey Burton, colleague and friend of the composer (Aldeburgh Cinema, 11am), distinguished mezzo-soprano Ann Murray sings songs by Schubert, Schumann, Strauss and Berlioz, accompanied by Steuart Bedford (Snape Maltings, 8pm).
Aldeburgh Foundation Box Office, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0728 453543)

Sleepwalking through a riot

JULIAN HERBERT

Bequiffed and laméd rocker: Neil Tennant performing "Opportunities"

ROCK

Pet Shop Boys
Wembley Arena

NOT so much a rock concert, more a succession of Grand Guignols, the latest Pet Shop Boys folly was a spectacularly staged but musically mediocre affair. The tone was set by an elaborate mime involving a gowned woman carrying a starry globe, a seated man gesticulating wildly and a shuffling, hooded figure carrying a huge book of mystic runes. What did it mean?

An odd-looking line of "boys" in school uniform appeared, doing a rather ragged conga. Peeling off from the end of the row, Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe settled themselves at the side of the stage and began the first number, "This Must be the Place I Waited Years to Leave". As the ten-strong dance troupe expended prodigious amounts of energy, Tennant sang in his doleful monotone and Lowe did absolutely nothing. The music was provided by pre-recorded backing tracks spiced up by a keyboard player and a guitarist who were tucked well away at the side of the stage.

Iron bed frames were wheeled on and white coats donned for "It's a Sin". Lowe, now sitting on a bed, dabbed listlessly at a keyboard on his lap. Joined by a sequinned-tart character and a grotesque Nosferatu figure, the dancers roused themselves to ever greater efforts, suggestively humping and grinding against each other, upending beds and waving naughty inflatable dollies in the air in a fetishistic display that was more bandage than bondage.

The show continued in this vein for nearly two hours, with Lowe and Tennant dressed in a variety of silly costumes, sleepwalking their way through various dreamlike tableaux like a pair of bemused tourists, while all around them a riot of *outré* choreography unfurled.

Some of it looked pretty. The surreal snowscape with the ballet dancer and the peasants waving a red flag provided a rewarding visual illustration to "October Symphony". Much of it was frivolous fun: the dancers' perms and Dame Edna glasses in "Suburbia", Tennant as a bequiffed and laméd rocker in "Opportunities". All of it was as camp as a cup of coffee.

Mounted with the stylised ingenuity of a pop video brought to theatrical life, the show really lacked a modicum of warmth. Despite being bolstered by three formidable backing singers, Tennant's deadpan delivery reduced U2's epic "Where the Streets Have No Name", Presley's heart-rending "You Were Always on My Mind" and anything else that came within its ambit to a uniformly blank expression of world-weariness. Lowe's zombie-like presence highlighted the dispiritingly mechanised feel of the duo's performance overall.

It ended quietly, back on the beds, the couple both wearing little white angel wings and Tennant singing "Your Funny Uncle", a wry, downbeat denouement to a glittering charade.

DAVID SINCLAIR

THEATRE

A Slight Case of Murder
Nottingham Playhouse

THIS 1935 comedy-thriller, a surprisingly conventional piece of froth by Howard Lindsay and Damon Runyon, successfully travelled from Broadway to Hollywood. Its palatial country house setting hints that a musical comedy chorus may prance in at any moment; the formalised, laconic style of Runyon's underworld is miles away. In its place we have a farcical concoction of gamblers, ex-gangsters, a former bootleg brewer going straight, a robbery and four unknown corpses in the spare bedroom.

Complications include the beer baron's daughter whose fiancé is a cop; and the cop's father, a starchy plutocrat whose pained murmer of "I have to be quieter than most people — excitement seems to be very bad for me" suggests that he may be victim of imminent atrocities.

The mood is somewhere between *The Cat and the Canary* and *Arsenic And Old Lace*, with a touch — in the collision between snooty propriety and zany chaos — of Kaufman and Hart's *You Can't Take It With You.* Glen Walford's production keeps up a snappy pace, essential to stop us thinking too hard about the plot, and some snappy American accents.

Claire Lyth's design cleverly combines timeless drawing room cliché with art deco exoticism. The cast requires 17 named characters and a handful of party guests; even with doubling (and tripling) of parts, this is positive luxury in today's theatrical climate. Nottingham comes up with the goods in both quantity and quality. A fine team effort is led by Bob Hewis though he cannot quite tie up the moral loose ends in the ex-bootlegger's character. Deirdre Harrison as the statutory blonde daughter adds a real American accent; and David Ericsson, the prospective in-law, exudes prim disbelief verging on well-bred panic as mayhem explodes around, before and in one case under him.

MARTIN HOYLE

RECITAL

Barbara Bonney
Wigmore Hall

BONNEY by name and bonny by nature, she sailed through her first solo recital in London with a voice of silvery smoothness, an abundance of winsome charm and a wave of enthusiasm from her audience. Barbara Bonney has added more bloom to her girlish soprano since her Covent Garden debut in *Der Rosenkavalier* in the mid-Eighties, as recent performances on disc have also suggested.

One of these was devoted to the songs of Zemlinsky, of which she included the Six Waltz-Songs on Tuscan folk-poems as one element in this programme. With the poised and characterful partnership of Geoffrey Parsons at the piano, these songs were given a youthful spirit and a swirl of *art nouveau* rapture.

They had the virtue of brevity, which also suited the American singer, who seemed less adept at sustaining the musical mood of the song over more than two or three stanzas, as in Mozart's "Abendempfidung". An exception was "Andres Maienlied" in her Mendelssohn group, where the poetry and the variety of fanciful references prompted the singer to vary her tone likewise.

Otherwise she was inclined to rely overmuch on an all-purpose ingenuousness and beguiling simplicity, which best suited the three popular Grieg items she chose (and sang in Norwegian). The simple rapture of "I Love You" and the eager devotion of "Solveig's Song" were complemented by the ardent feeling of "A Dream", even though the pianist did rather overplay his hand in matching the fervour of the vocal line. His contribution to four of Hugo Wolf's *Mörike Lieder*, however, was of a skill and sensitivity to allow the singer to communicate vividly the poetic mood of each song. The four songs of Richard Strauss that followed were captivating, especially the subtle half-shades of "Die Nacht", so that for once the encores did not surpass what we had previously heard.

NOEL GOODWIN

THEATRE

Polyeuct
Gate, Notting Hill

NOWADAYS the French tend to regard this as Corneille's masterpiece, greater even than his more celebrated *Cid*; but it is seen in London about as often as *Hamlet* in Antarctica. One reason is our native resistance to neoclassical tragedy, with its stilted poetry and its obsession with the conflict between love and somewhat dated notions of honour. But another is an ending in which the title-character's martyrdom succeeds in converting to Christianity not only his uncomprehending wife, but her father, until then a devastating study of political selfishness. It is as if Leonid Brezhnev had beatifically changed into an Orthodox priest's black hat and gown during a Politburo meeting.

But neither a wishful conclusion nor the limitations of Peter Benedict's plucky but lightweight cast can conceal the play's class. Part of its fascination is that it suggests, with surprising sympathy, how the conventional Romans of 250 AD felt about the bizarre necromantic cult, Christianity. When the over-zealous convert, Polyeuct, starts wrecking images of Jupiter in the local temple, they are rather more outraged than devout Anglicans would be today, were they to find a rampaging medicine-man in Westminster Abbey. The play may be a Christian apologia, at times a piece of Christian propaganda; but it comes at the subject from angles more revealing for their oddity.

Yet Corneille's main achievement was to show the confusions of all three main characters with a subtle energy rare in the drama of any era, especially his own. Think your way into the head of the Armenian aristocrat Polyeuct, fresh from making marriage vows to a woman he believes he loves, yet as greedily set on a martyr's crown as any Iranian fanatic sent into battle by his ayatollah. Imagine the feelings of his Roman wife Pauline, who has learned to care for him in spite of being forced by her crafty father to reject a still nobler suitor, Severus. Suppose you are Severus, in love with Pauline, yet ordered by her to plead for her blasphemous husband's life. Corneille has thought, imagined and supposed that and more; and injected a good deal of dramatic tension into his creative brew.

All this makes demands on the mostly youthful company that they only fitfully meet. It is one of those cases of young characters (*Romeo and Juliet* is another) needing pretty experienced actors if they are to come richly to life. Jasper Britton's Polyeuct produces snatches of wry mockery, and Charles Simpson's Severus a cackle or two of ironic despair, by way of introducing variety into their roles; but, like Sarah Reed's tearful Pauline, they are lacking in something more essential, emotional avoirdupois. They grow in intensity, not in power. But if the result of their efforts were to be a more ambitious production elsewhere, as I hope, there is every reason to retain Noel Clark's rhymed translation, clear and bold enough to have come from Tony Harrison.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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Intensity: Jasper Britton in the title role with Sarah Reed as Pauline

WORD-WATCHING

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MAXWELL'S DEMON

(c) An imaginary creature who, by opening and shutting a tiny door between two volumes of gases, could in principle concentrate slower (ie colder) molecules in one and faster (ie hotter) molecules in the other, so breaking the second law of thermodynamics. Postulated by James Maxwell (1831-1879), Scottish physicist.

HYPERBOLA

(c) One of the conic sections, the one that is formed by a plane that cuts both bases of a cone; it consists of two branches asymptotic to two intersecting fixed lines and has two foci.

LE CHATELIER PRINCIPLE

(c) If any change of conditions is imposed on a system at equilibrium, then the system will alter in such a way as to counteract the imposed change. A much-used but doubtful doctrine, invented by Henri le Chatelier (1850-1936).

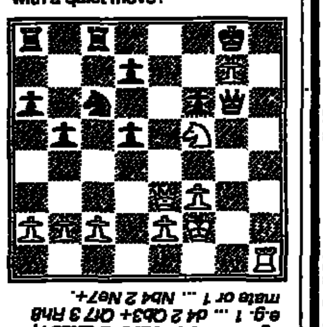
HOOKE'S LAW

(c) For an elastic material the strain is proportional to the applied stress. *Ut tensio, sic vis*. Named after Robert Hooke (1635-1703).

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible variation from the game Conquest — Arkell, 1991. White has sacrificed a rook for a vicious attack. How can he end with a quiet move?



1 Qc3! leaves black defenceless against the threat of 2 Qxd5+. e.g. 1 ... d4 2 Qb3+ Qf7 3 Rh8 mate or 1 ... Nd4 2 Ne7+.

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CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 071 439 4805 Gary Oldman, Tim Roth in Tom Stoppard's ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG) Progs at 12.45 (not Sun), 3.15, 6.45 & 8.25

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club (r) 9.30 Travel Show Guides. Penny Junor and Matthew Collins offer a warts-and-all appraisal of France's Atlantic coast from Ile de Noirmoutier to Royan (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays 10.25 The Hogan Family. American comedy series (r)
10.55 Cricket: First Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the opening session of the final day's play in the match at Headingley between England and West Indies. Includes news and weather at 10.55 and 12.00. 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (Ceefax) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 Cricket: First Test. Further live coverage from Headingley
2.15 Starsky and Hutch: Partners. Seventies action series with Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul as the streetwise police officers (r)
3.00 Head Of The Class. American comedy series starring Howard Hesseman as a teacher of a precocious class of gifted students 3.25 Bazaar. Nerys Hughes presents a pot-pourri of useful household hints
3.50 Pingu. Cartoon series about a clumsy penguin 3.55 Quack Chat Show with Keith Harris (r) 4.10 New Lassie. Animated adventures (Ceefax) 4.35 Defenders of the Earth (r)
4.55 Newsround with Roger Finn and Juliet Morris 5.05 Blue Peter presented by Yvette Fielding, Diane-Louise Jordan and John Leslie. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan with Joanna Lumley. Playwright and author Ben Elton promotes his new book, *Gridlock*, and actress Julie Walters talks about her role in Tennessee Williams's *Rose Tattoo*
7.30 Family Matters. John Humphrys and Maggie Philbin examine step-families and the difficulties of trying to make them work, with particular reference to children
8.00 Takeover Bid. Bruce Forsyth tries to breathe life into a formula game show
8.30 Birds of a Feather: You Pays Yer Money. Sparky streetwise comedy about two gorblimey sisters whose husbands are in prison. When Sharon (Pauline Quirke) realises she is not registered as a voter in Chigwell and election time is coming around, she hits on the idea of using hubbie Darryl's vote (r)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: Rivals for Russia. This week Russia votes for a new president in the first free election since the revolution. As election fever mounts, a *Panorama* special from Moscow follows the campaign trail with the candidates and David Dimbleby chairs a studio discussion with rival political leaders
10.10 Law and Order: Poison Ivy. Sturdy American drama series about the detection and prosecution of crime. Sgt Greevey and his team cannot ignore the vehement protests of the black community when a young black student is shot during a drugs raid. Their investigations are not made any easier, however, when they discover a senior police officer is implicated. Starring George Dzundza and Christopher Noth
11.00 Cricket: First Test. Highlights from the final day's play at Headingley in the match between England and West Indies. Northern Ireland: 1991 Isle of Man TT Races

Experimentation with colour: designer Zandra Rhodes (11.30pm)

11.30 The Colour Eye: Colour In Fashion. Intriguing series about the *importance of colour in our lives.* Zandra Rhodes, assisted by artist Duggie Fields and cosmetic designer Angela Gillic, demonstrates how colour can turn an outfit from the plain to the dynamic and classic. Northern Ireland: 10.50 Cricket: First Test
12.00 Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.20am-12.50 The Colour Eye

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Social Problems and Welfare — Why Care? 7.10 The Midlands Enlightenment. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News
8.15 Westminster
8.30 Daytime on Two: Landmarks Special Reports — Wunnewil: Switzerland. Local children investigate a threat to the area's local marshes and bog peats 8.55 History File — The World Since 1945. South Africa and the system of apartheid 9.15 English Time — For and Against Fast Food. Teenagers debate the pros and cons of convenience food and look at the huge industry it supports 9.35 Rockschool. A look at "new music" and "synth pop" 10.00 Storytime — *Ayu and the Perfect Moon* 10.18 Music Time — Java Food 10.40 Ulster Museum 11.00 Zig Zag — The Man Who Planted Trees, part one 11.20 British Social History — State of the Union. Trade union affairs since the war 11.40 Women Mean Business — Getting Into Gear. Glenda Jackson spends a day with 150 women preparing to go back into the commercial workplace. (Ceefax) 12.05 Landmarks Special Report — Wijk aan Zee, The Netherlands. Local children investigate environmental issues 12.35 Lifeschool: Into Adulthood — Relationships 1.00 Standard Grade History — Twentieth Century part one 1.20 Bertha narrated by Roy Kinnear (r) 1.40 Landmarks: Builders and Building
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime. *Ayu and the Perfect Moon* (r) 2.15 Around Westminster (r). Northern Ireland: Catch of the Day. Wales: Wales in Westminster
2.45 Cricket: First Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the closing session of the final day's play in the match at Headingley between England and the West Indies
6.40 DEF II begins with Dance Energy II. Normski and his team are joined by guests Lenny Kravitz and Nexy Lanton. There is also a feature on youth magazines 7.15 Liquid TV. Series combining animation, puppets and comic strip characters. This week it features George Michael receiving Miss Lidia's shock treatment, Cyrano de Bergerac with a change of image, and job hunting with the Art School Girls
7.40 Open Space: Video Letters.

● CHOICE: The community access slot departs from its usual practice in presenting not a single point of view but a debate and does so by getting each side to put its argument on video and getting the other to reply in kind. Whether this is any more effective than bringing the parties face to face is arguable, but at least it has the virtue of novelty. The issue is gypsies in Bristol and what to do with them. Leading the prosecution are residents Janette and her mother, Audrey, who accuses the travellers of piling up rubbish, depressing house prices and not paying their taxes. Making a persuasive case for the defence, Teresa from Ireland says much of the bad feeling would be avoided if the gypsies were given permanent sites. Janette and Audrey say fine, but not in our back yard. From this hostile start everyone leans over backwards to be reasonable and you almost forget what the fuss was about

Wrongly accused? Teresa gives the gypsy view (7.40pm)

8.10 Horizon: Food for Thought. There is a new class of drugs available in the United States called "nootropics" or "cognition enhancers" which some doctors, students and professionals believe improve the mind. These unlicensed drugs have just arrived in Britain and the *Horizon* investigates this controversial sector of the pharmaceutical industry. "Nootropics" could offer successful therapies for diseases that impair thinking and memory in old age but critics claim that there is no such thing as a free "neurotransmitter lunch". (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: Carbon Copy (1981). Dubious race comedy starring George Segal as Walter Whitney, a secretly Jewish and highly successful businessman with a beautiful house, Rolls-Royce and membership of an exclusive golf club. Then one day Roger Porter (Denzel Washington), a black teenager, walks into his office and declares himself to be Walter's illegitimate son. The rest is predictable and the laughs are thin. With Susan Saint James and Jack Warden. Directed by Michael Schultz
10.30 Newsnight. The background to the day's top news stories, presented by Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Arts: The Great Exhibition — A Lesson in Taste. Ends at 12.30

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine
12.10 Rosie and Jim (r)
12.30 News and weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of entertaining activities for the under-fives 2.50 Graham Kerr. The former *Galloping Gourmet* prepares another exotic dish
3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 Wowser 4.10 Cartoon 4.25 Round the Bend 4.40 Docurama: Hands Up for More. A look at the world of puppets
5.10 Blockbusters with Bob Holness
5.40 News followed by weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley attends a baby bounce session
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News
7.00 The Joe Longthorne Show. With Kelly Monteith and Lulu
7.30 Coronation Street. More domestic strife with the residents of Weatherfield. (Oracle)
8.00 Hope It Rains.

● CHOICE: Even after two episodes it is hard to be sure about this new sitcom from the prolific John Esmonde and Bob Larbey, although there does seem to be a curious shortage of laughs. Set in a seaside resort with apparently few visitors, *Hope It Rains* employs a favourite sitcom strategy of injecting a disruptive outsider into a settled world. Tom Bell plays the long-time owner of a tatty wax museum. He is a grumpy bachelor who wants a quiet life and resents the public who provide him with a living. His equilibrium is shattered when he finds himself having to look after a teenage god-daughter (Holly Aird), who does not share his mania for tidiness and punctuality. The pair are soon in conflict, but the bickering is low-key and predictable. Otherwise, on the early evidence, there is not much to keep the show afloat. (Oracle)

8.30 World in Action. As the housewives' union in Germany prepares to go on strike, the *World in Action* team investigates how much or how little some men do in the home

Private lives: both on and off the battleground (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: All the King's Men.

● CHOICE: It would be stretching things somewhat to call *Soldier, Soldier* a feminist view of the British army, but it a drama created by a woman, Lucy Gannon, and is as much about the women who wait as the men who serve. Following the example of such shows as *Hill Street Blues* and *Casualty*, *Soldier, Soldier* juggles a large number of characters and has a series of overlapping storylines. The focus is a Midlands-based infantry regiment, just returning from duty in Northern Ireland. Ingredients for the first episode include the funeral of a murdered colleague, a soldier's wife having her first baby and marital difficulties for the company commander. The pace is lively and there is much welcome humour. The series was postponed because of the Gulf war but on the early evidence there is nothing to cause offence. David Haig, Holly Aird and Annabelle Apsion catch the eye in an excellent cast

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Film: The Black Windmill (1974). Disappointing spy thriller starring Michael Caine as a government agent on the trail of of gun-runners. With Donald Pleasence, John Vernon, Janet Suzman and Joss Ackland. Hard to believe it was directed by Don Siegel, of *Coogan's Bluff* and *Dirty Harry*.
12.40am Sportsworld Extra. The Isle of Man TT motorcycle races
1.40 Film: The Princess and the Pirate (1944). A lively comedy starring Bob Hope as an arrogant actor who is captured by pirates. Virginia Mayo, Walter Brennan, Walter Sleazak, Victor McLaglen and the villainous Marc Lawrence fill out a strong cast and there are fine dance numbers. Directed by David Butler
3.30 The Twilight Zone: Message From Charity. Another bizarre story from this update of the classic Sixties television series (r)
4.15 Film: Bowery Champs (1944, b/w). The first of a season of vintage *East Side Kids* comedies starring Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, Billy Benedict and Gabriel Dell. Directed by William Beaudine
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Dig. A repeat of Friday's final edition of the gardening programme. (Teletext)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street with guest star Billy Dee Williams (r)
2.00 Right to Reply. A repeat of Saturday's edition (Teletext)
2.30 Film: Get Cracking (1943, b/w). George Formby enters *Dad's Army* territory with a comedy about the rivalry between two Home Guard units during the second world war. When the War Office sends a machine gun by rail, both sides see it as the ultimate status symbol and determine to have it for themselves. The excellent supporting cast includes Dinah Sheridan, Edward Rigby, Ronald Shiner and Irene Handl. Directed by Marcel Varnel
4.15 Pete Smith Specialities: Seeing Hands. An MGM short, nominated for an Academy Award, depicting a man blind from birth who learns to interact with society
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quick-fire elimination quiz hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 More Winners: Boy Soldiers. Latest in a series of six dramas made by the Australian Children's Television Foundation. In 1914 all boys between the ages of 14 and 17 were called up for military service. The film follows the fate of one conscientious objector who refuses to play any part in the preparation for war
6.00 The Cosby Show: Monster Man Huxtable. Award-winning American sitcom about the Huxtable family (r)
6.30 The Henderson Kids. Australian drama series about two motherless children (Paul Smith and Nadine Garner) sent to live with their uncle in a sleepy fishing village. There they discover that a local businessman and developer is trying to steal their inheritance — a beautiful and unspoilt piece of land named Henderson Point (r)
7.00 Channel Four News. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Comment
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext)
8.30 My Two Dads: Pop, the Question. Lame sitcom about two men who inherit a daughter. To stop Michael (Paul Reiser) and Joey (Greg Evigan) arguing a judge (Florence Stanley) insists they see a marriage guidance counsellor. When this fails some awkward questions are asked
9.00 A Love Divided: Johannesburg. The second in the documentary series about couples separated by political, cultural and racial conflict features Fanie, an Afrikaner, and Julia, a Pedi. The Group Areas Act of South Africa was designed to separate the areas in which black and white can live and until recently mixed-race marriages were illegal. Fanie comes from a traditional Conservative party background and he was met with hostility by Julia's family. Although the couple met four years ago they have only just been able to marry and are now expecting their first child (Teletext)
10.00 E.N.G.: A Tangled Web. Canadian drama series following the lives of the tough news team from Channel 10, a bigindependent television station in downtown Toronto. (Teletext)

Voodoo magic: a different view of Haitian paradise (11.00pm)

11.00 Global Image: Krik? Krak! Tales of a Nightmare.

● CHOICE: Praised by the late Graham Greene, who knew a thing or two about the subject, this cogent documentary evokes the 30-year tyranny of the Duvaliers, Papa Doc and Baby Doc, in Haiti. The treatment is unconventional. There is no commentary and the film is an impressionistic kaleidoscope of contemporary and historic footage as well as fictional reconstruction. The result can be bewildering, particularly for an audience unacquainted with Haiti's history, and it is sometimes hard to decide between fact and fancy. As an example of the method, Papa Doc's claim that "compared with other countries, Haiti is a paradise" is followed by a shot of one of his subjects having his throat slit. The film shows how the Duvaliers used voodoo rituals to sustain their power and lived in luxury while their people starved. Much flak is directed at the United States for helping to prop up a hated regime

12.10am The Three Marias. A documentary about the maverick "rail tramps", people who travel Argentina picking up farmwork wherever they can. They eschew all material possessions except for the "three marias" — meat, bread and a container in which to brew hot drinks. Ends at 1.55

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Discovering Gardens 5.10-5.40 Tell the Truth 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Sailaway 11.10 Film: The Omen 1.10 Sportsworld Extra 2.10 Night Heat 3.05 The ITV Chart Show 4.05 60 Minutes 5.00-5.30 Pick of the Week

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Country in Concert 11.40 The Law and Harry McGraw 12.35 Film: Payroll 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.15 Hit Man and Her 5.10-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20pm Right or Wrong 2.50-3.15 Cooking with Kumar 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Countdown on Broad Street 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Film: Marilyn — The Untold Story 2.20 World Association Florida Wrestling 3.10 Entertainment UK 4.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 1.50pm Graham Kerr 2.20-3.15 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05 Coach 12.35 Film: Payroll 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.15 The Hit Man and Her 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20 All Muck and Magic? 2.50-3.15 Simply Delicious 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime.

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm An Invitation to Remember (Richard Todd) 2.50-3.15 The Young Doctors 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 10.40 Unplugged — Paul McCartney 11.40 Kojak 12.35 Film: Payroll 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.15 The Hit Man and Her 5.10-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 2.20pm Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 The Health Experiment 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 It's a Dog's Life 12.40 Married...with Children 1.10 Sportsworld Extra 2.10 Special Squad 3.10 Film: Carnival Story 5.00-5.30 Countryside Close

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 The Health Experiment 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Flashback 10.40 McNally 11.10 City Cycling 12.10 Books by my Bedside 12.35 Film: Payroll 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.15 The Hit Man and Her 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 2.45pm-3.15 Kitchen Garden 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ronan on the Road 10.40 Shamrock, Rose and Thistle 11.10 Married...with Children 11.40 Aspel in New York 12.35 Film: Payroll 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.15 Night Beat 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.00-3.15 Film: Colonel March Investigates* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Home from Home 10.40 The Sweeney 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35 Film: My Wicked, Wicked Ways 3.10 Transworld Sport 4.10 Music Box 4.40 Music Box Profile 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Sbectel 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The Triple Net 2.30 Film: Hue and Cry* 4.00 A Different World 4.30 Easy Does It 4.45 The Munsters 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd A Bedwar 9.30 Roseanne 10.00 thirtysomething 11.00 Global Image 12.30 The Three Marias 1.55 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 We're Cooking Now 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 News followed by The Shillingbury Tales 4.00 News followed by the Nature of Things 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 283 Useful Ideas from Japan 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Up and Running 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.05 The Young Riders 9.00 News 9.30 Campion 10.30 Questions and Answers 11.35 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 3.15pm Bosco 3.40 The Racoons 4.05 How Do You Do 4.20 Count Dracula 4.45 The Real Ghostbusters 5.10 Charlie Chase 5.30 The Cat Gang 6.30 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.05 Coach 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by the Game on Monday 9.00 The Golden Girls 9.30 News followed by Film: Ping Pong 11.15 News 11.35 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Alf 8.00 Aspen — Part Two 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Anything for Money 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 The Outer Limits 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Beyond 2000 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase: The latest show-business news and gossip from Hollywood
10.00 Gryphon: The tale of a teacher who changes the lives of her students
11.00 Hiroshima Maiden: Drama about young Japanese women burnt and scarred at Hiroshima brought to America for plastic surgery
12.00 Eagle's Wing (1979): Martin Sheen stars in a western centering on the one-to-one contest between a trapper and a renegade Indian
2.00 Incident at Dark River (1989): Green thriller about a man who takes his employers to court for polluting the local river. Stars Tess Harper
4.00 Her Last Best Year (1990): Bernadette Peters and Mary Tyler Moore in the story of a young woman who must come to terms with her impending death
6.00 Our Family Honour (1986): Gritty drama focusing on top level corruption in the New York Police department. Stars Barbara Stuart
8.00 See No Evil, Hear No Evil (1989): Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor star in a far-fetched farce about a blind man and a deaf man who become suspects in a murder case
9.40 UK Top 10
10.00 The Lair of the White Worm (1988): Ken Russell's tongue-in-cheek horror about a marauding giant worm brought to life by pagan worshippers. With Amanda Donohoe
11.35 Less Than Zero (1987): James Spader stars in a tale of drugs and dissolute lifestyles in the yuppie set of Beverly Hills
1.10 The Return Of The Swamp Thing (1989): Fantasy adventure about a half-man, half-vegetable superhero
2.40 From The Hip (1987): Courtroom drama about the actions of a young hotshot lawyer. Starring Judd Nelson
4.30-6.00am The Final Programme (1973): Science-fiction comedy about a team of scientists who try to create a new race of men. Stars Jon Finch

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Bluebeard's Eighth Wife (1938, b/w): Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper sparkle in this classic comedy about a woman trying to win the heart of a millionaire
8.15 Angel and the Badman (1947, b/w): Western about a gunfighter (John Wayne) who is won over by a young Quaker girl
10.15 Baby, Take a Bow (1934, b/w): Shirley Temple helps her father beat an unjust prosecution
12.15 Kojak: Fatal Flaw (1989): Kojak helps out an old flame whose husband has been murdered by the mob. With Angie Dickinson
2.00 The Quiet Man (1952): A former boxer (John Wayne) tries to find peace in a small town but has to fight to win the woman he loves. With Maureen O'Hara
4.15 A Dog's Best Friend (1960): A boy and his dog discover a murder weapon. Stars Bill Williams
6.15 Shootdown (1988): Angela Lansbury is the mother determined to discover the truth about the plane crash in which her son was killed. With George Coe
8.15 Zelly and Me (1988): Isabella Rossellini and David Lynch star in a drama about a young girl who needs affection
10.15 For Queen and Country (1988): A black Falklands hero's battles prove far from over when he returns home. Stars Denzel Washington
12.00 Homer and Eddie (1989): Road movie about two handicapped travelling companions. Starring James Belushi and Whoopi Goldberg
1.40 French Postcards (1979): A group of American students experience romantic adventures in Paris. With Miles Chapon
3.20-4.50am The War of the Worlds: The Resurrection (1988): Stars Jared Martin. A dormant group of aliens are reactivated and recommence their efforts to try to take over the Earth

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.00am Beckenham Lawn Tennis Tournament 12.00 Australian Rugby League 2.00pm Stella Artois Tennis Tournament 6.00 Tuff Trax 7.00 Power Hour Wrestling 8.00 Test Match Cricket 10.00 World Bowl 12.00 Test Match Cricket

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 Grand Prix Historique de Paris 9.00 Argentina Football 10.00 Mud & Monsters 11.00 Pro Box 1.00pm US Grand Prix Show Jumping 2.00 RAC British Rallycross Championships 3.00 NBA Basketball 5.00 USWA Wrestling 6.00 Dutch Motor Sports Magazine 7.00 Motor Sport F1 7.30 Spanish Football Highlights 8.00 UK Athletics 9.00 Moto News 9.30 Motor Sport 10.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 11.00 US Men's Pro Bowling 12.15am Revs

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 We're Cooking Now 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 It's Your Lifestyle 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Britten (Canadian Carnival: Wesley Warren, trumpet, CBSO under Rattle); Rossini (Wind Quartet No 1: Consortium Classicum)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Gibbons (In nomine; Fantasy: Fretwork); Mozart (Flute Quartet in A, K298: William Bennett, flute, Grumiaux Trio); d'Indy (Symphony on a French Mountain Air: Nicole Henriot-Schweitzer, piano; Boston SO under Munch); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue No 5: Tatiana Nikolayeva, piano)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Béla Bartók: Tracing his mature style from its origins in folk and 19th century music. Rhapsodie, Op 1: Zoltan Kocsis, piano, Budapest Festival Orchestra under Fischer; Two Portraits, Op 5: Shlomo Mintz, violin, LSO under Abbado. Two Elegies, Op 8b: Andor Foldes, piano; Evening in Transylvania; Bear Dance (Ten Easy Pieces for Piano): the composer
9.35 (FM only from 10.55) A Matter of Rhythm: Praetorius (Suite de Voltes: Early Music Consort of London under Munrow); Chavéz (Toccata: Amadinda Percussion Group); Francisco Braga (Capim di pranta; Nigue-nigue-ninhas; São João-da-ra-rão); Bach (French Suite No 5 in G, BWV 816); Ravel (Boléro); Gershwin (Variations on I Got Rhythm); Glass (Façades); Lutoslawski (Dance Preludes); Vaughan Williams (Job)
10.55-6.30pm (MW only) Test Match Special: First Test, England v West Indies, final day at Headingley 1.05 News 1.10 Your Letters Answered 1.30 County scoreboard 1.40-6.30 Commentary, including At the Bookstall and close-of-play summary by Don Mosey
12.00 (FM only) Bournemouth Sinfonietta under János Fürst, with Martin Hughes, piano, performs Prokofiev (Sinfonietta in A, Op 5); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G, Op 58)
1.00 (FM only) News
1.05 (FM only) BBC Lunchtime Concert: Peter Frankl, piano, and the Chilingirian Quartet perform Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat minor, H XV 31); Dvořák (Piano Quintet in A, Op 81)
2.00 (FM only) Third Opinion (r)
2.45 (FM only) An Alternative Beethoven Nine: Lyndon Jenkins completes his series exploring post-war recordings of Beethoven symphonies that have stood the test of time. Symphony No 9 (Choral): Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano, Margo Hoffgen, contralto, Ernst Haefliger, tenor, Otto Edelmann, bass; Singverein der Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde: Vienna PO under Karajan
4.15 (FM only) Music for Cello and Piano: Rohan and Druvi de Saram perform Strauss (Sonata for cello and piano, Op 6); Giles Swayne (Canto for solo cello) (r)
5.00 (FM only) The Italian Side of Bach: John Scott, organ, performs J.S. Bach (Concerto No 1 in G, BWV 592); Chorale Variations on Sei gegrüsset, Jesu gütig, BWV 768)
5.30 (FM only until 6.30) Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear

● CHOICE: Gillian Reynolds's interview with Alan Bleasdale doesn't only throw useful light on his latest drama series *G.B.H.* (Channel 4, Thursdays, repeated Sundays), but it is the tenon that fits the mortice of Rib Davis's Radio 4 play *The People's Woman* (7.45pm) which, like *G.B.H.*, looks at local politics and doesn't much like what it sees. Episode 1 of *G.B.H.* carries the Bleasdale warning that politicians can have a dangerous effect on our health, but there is no hint yet that *G.B.H.* is as much an attack on the loony right as on the loony left

7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth performs Bartókand Shostakovich
9.05 Poet of the Month: Michael Longley introduces and reads a selection of his poems
9.15 Brahms in Meiningen: Keith Puddy and Malcolm Martineau perform Brahms (Two Clarinet Sonatas, Op 21; Three Intermezzi, Op 117)
10.30 Mixing It
11.30 News
11.35-12.35pm Composers of the Week: Chopin (r)
1.00-2.25 (FM only) Night School

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM.
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 6.55, 7.55, Weather 8.35 The Week on 4 8.43 The Professionals: Singer Holly Johnson explores how pop stars of the past have dealt with their stardom 8.57 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg. His guests are Miriam Rothschild, the naturalist, Conservative MP Emma Nicholson, businessman George Walker and journalist Ad'Obe Obe, editor-in-chief of *Africa Forum*; the guest interviewer is Nigella Lawson (s)
10.00 News; Money Box, with Louise Botting, Vincent Duggleby (r)
10.30 Morning Story: A Cigarette With Bette Davis, by Tom Wakefield. Read by David Horovitch
10.45 Daily Service from Westminster Cathedral (s)
11.00 News; Coastline: Cliff Michelmore goes on a coastal journey from the South Gare at the mouth of the River Tees to Whitby, north Yorkshire (r)
11.40 Poetry Please, with Simon Rae
12.00 News; You and Yours, presented by Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Brain of Britain: Robert Robinson chairs a nationwide general knowledge contest in which listeners compete to become this year's champion (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets opera singer Jessye Norman; and part one of a series on teaching methods in Europe begins with Germany
3.00 The Mansell Conspiracy: Jack Gerson's comedy thriller about an out-of-work car salesman who finds himself in possession of a large bank account (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: A feature on the Sackler Gallery which opens today at the Royal Academy of Arts, including a review of its first show "The Fauvre Landscape"; a review of *Dickens' Women*, Miriam Margolyes's one-woman show at the Hampstead Theatre; an interview with Angela Carter about her latest novel, *Wise Children*; and a review of a new recording of Schubert's Die Schöne Müllerin, performed by Andras Schiff (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News, including Financial Report
6.30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel: More classic comedy written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The People's Woman

● CHOICE: Rib Davis's play about politics at borough council level makes a welcome change from plays about politics at Westminster level. Not that there is much to choose between them, in terms of stress, disillusionment and ultimately, hysteria. Moir Leslie plays the Labour councillor whose initial missionary zeal is gradually undermined by her job as housing corporation architect, and Terry Molloy is the husband who finds an adulterous way out (Amelda Brown) of the domestic crisis his two-hatted wife precipitates. Rib Davis makes good use of interior thought, but now and again the intensity of the exterior argument leaves us exhausted (s)

9.15 Kaleidoscope (repeated from 4.30) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, presented by Nigel Cassidy (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, presented by Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Fludd. Hilary Mantel reads an abridged version of her novel (6 of 10) (s)
11.00 The Best of Bentine (r) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.27am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Out on Blue Six 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00 Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Charles Nove with the Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Debbie Thrower 3.30 Claire Rayner: Living With Bereavement 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks For the Memory 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Sir David English: Pick of the Jazz Greats 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade with Peter Clayton 12.35 Night Ride with Bill Rennells 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs, incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News and Sport; Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.40 This Family Business with Johnny Walker, incl 11.00 and 12.00 News & Sport 12.30pm The Leading Edge: John Howard talks to Rosemary Conley 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 1.20 Test Match Special Plus: including Test Match Cricket 6.15 Five Aside 7.20 Folk Tales from Ghana: Naughty Kweku 7.35 Fifteen Love 8.05 How We Worked Then: Railways 8.20 Mega Mix 8.50 Fanshawe on Five 9.30 Under Goliath 10.00 News and Sport 10.10 The Mix with Mark Thomas, with live guest Ben Elton 12.00 News & Sport 12.10am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 Letter from America 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 The Week Ahead 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Antarctica 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 A Portrait of James Joyce 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report live 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Antarctica 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Composer of the Month: Georg Philipp Telemann 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Brain of Britain 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the shelf: The Worst Journey in the World pt 6 3.45 Keep to the Path pt 5 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Keep to the Path pt 5 8.45 Health Matters 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 The Vintage Chart Show: June 1972 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Europe's World 11.20 Sports International 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 It's not just Cricket pt 4 12.30 Multitrack 1 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Jazz Score 2.00 News 2.50 Outlook 2.30 Folk in Britain 2.45 Health Matters 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 John Peel 4.45 News and Press in German

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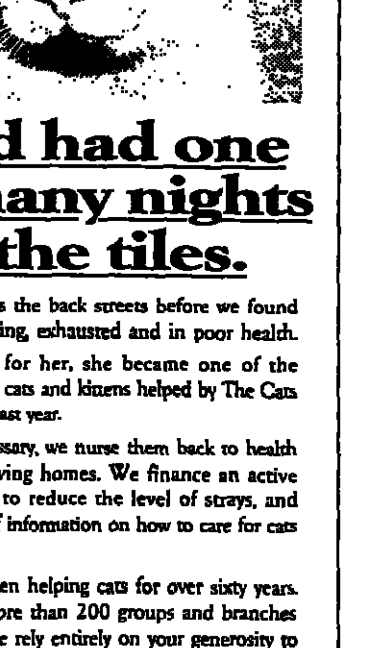

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KGB claims Hitler's deputy made flight after being told of anti-Churchill faction ready for peace

Hess 'was dupe of British intelligence'

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

THE British Secret Service lured Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, into making his flight to Britain in 1941 by telling him that an anti-Churchill faction wanted to make peace with Germany, according to documents released by by the KGB.

The papers, which include a memorandum from Lavrenti Beria, the secret police chief, to Stalin, appear to corroborate claims made by Hess at the time that he had corresponded with the Duke of Hamilton for months before he landed at the duke's Scottish estate on May 11, 1941. The duke denied any correspondence and Hess's peace flight was publicly depicted as the solitary act of a madman. He committed suicide in Spandau prison in 1987.

But Soviet documents handed to *The New York Times* in Moscow quote information from Soviet spies, including Kim Philby, which showed that the secret service corresponded with Hess in the duke's name without his knowledge.

The documents appear not only to contradict the old British version but raise the possibility there may have reallybeen a British faction seeking to co-operate with the Germans. The Russians apparently decided to open their archives because their reports showed that Hess had given the British detailed plans of Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union, which took place shortly after the Hess flight. The British apparently failed to pass on the information.

"I think it is high time to open up the archives of the British government," said Oleg Tsarev, a KGB officer. "They are angry because we hit the nail on the head." Britain has sealed all official material on Hess until 2017. Mr Tsarev said Britain had refused him a visa to enter Britain last month for the publication of a book on Hess by John Costello.

According to the papers given to *The New York Times*, Philby told his Moscow controllers on May 22, 11 days after the flight, that Hess had been told by the British that there was a strong anti-Churchill faction in Britain that would use his flight to make peace with Berlin. Philby quoted his old friend Tom Dupree, a British diplomat, as a source.

This report was corroborated by Frantisek Moravetz, the chief of Czechoslovak military intelligence in London, who worked secretly for the Russians.

Drawing on these reports, Beria wrote his memo to Stalin on October 2 1942, saying: "Hess corresponded with Lord Hamilton about this question long before the completion of the flight. In this correspondence, all the questions of organisation of the flight were discussed in detail. However, Hamilton himself did not take part in the correspondence." British intelligence had written in his name. "According to Moravetz, Hess's letters rather clearly laid out plans of the German government connected with the attack on the Soviet Union," Beria wrote.

Rudolf Hess: his Lubyanka file dubbed him 'Black Bertha', his alleged nickname in Berlin homosexual circles

Craig Whitney, the newspaper's London correspondent and a Russian speaker, was taken into the heart of the Lubyanka, KGB headquarters in Moscow, and Mr Tsarev showed him a 2-inch-thick file from Stalin's NKVD, code-named *Chernaya Berta*, or Black Bertha, a name that it said was used by Hess in the homosexual milieu he frequented in Berlin.

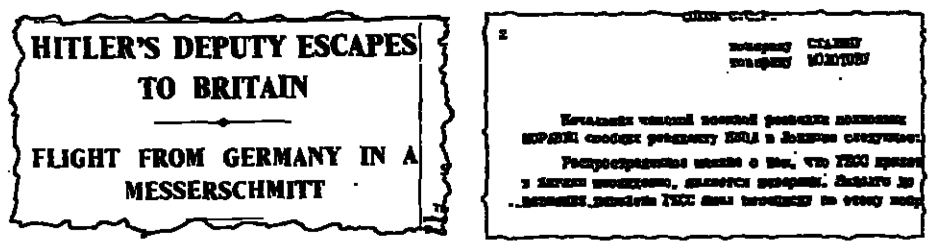
● The offer of the Hess documents to the *New York Times* is not the first time the KGB has tried to draw attention to the Soviet side of the affair (Mary Dejevsky writes). Last year the security services placed an article by one of their officers in a Soviet daily paper.

Their thesis then was that Hess flew to Britain at the invitation of the British government or members of it. The approach to Craig Whitney suggests that they were not satisfied with the modest interest taken in their account then.

One reason for the KGB concern may be a continuing feeling that the Soviet side was blamed unjustly for keeping Hess imprisoned.

Beria: reported to Stalin on Hamilton letters

Philby: told Moscow of British peace hopes



HITLER'S DEPUTY ESCAPES TO BRITAIN

FLIGHT FROM GERMANY IN A MESSERSCHMITT

Left, how Hess's flight made the news in 1941; and Beria's memorandum to Stalin

Low-key election role for Thatcher

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team. He pointed out that o the Cabinet team for the nex election announced by Mr Thatcher two years ago, sever had since left.

He recognised that the ecor omy and the government poor opinion poll showir were making Tory MI "scratchy" as the electic approached. "The Gover ment has been going through difficult time and all o problems, in my view, beg and end with the state of t economy," he said.

"Members of the p liamentary Party get a scratchy when they see we six to eight points behind the polls in the last year c parliament. They don't l that and those two fact combine to make people a scratchy."

Mr Patten said on TV-a *Frost on Sunday* that the T party could be its own w enemy at the election. " body is going to vote Lab for positive reasons — tl aren't any," he said. "Wen to lose, and I don't think will, it would be because have thrown things away.

Questioned about Thatcher's recent dama remarks in defence of the tax, the party chairman "I certainly would not ex former prime ministers alone Mrs Thatcher, to ta vow of silence. Margaret notoriously outspoken a the Government when was running it and you c expect her to be absol silent now she is not run it."

He added: "I am absol sure that she, as the rest o will have regard to the wa words can be picked and r oeuvred by some journali

The Thatcherite MP George Gardiner urged party to make more use of Thatcher's talents in the up to the next general elec because she was an "ur used asset" for the Tories. Tory MP for Reigate "She would make short s of exposing the danger lur in Labour's policy."

Whips out to beat dog register

By SHEILA GUNN AND QUENTIN COWDRY

MINISTERS are confident of winning tonight's Commons vote against a national dogs' register which threatens to dominate the 12-hour debate on the dangerous dogs bill.

Although the government survived the last rebellion by MPs on a register by only three votes, efforts made to defuse the revolt are predicted by the Tory whips to result in a bigger majority against the register at 1am tomorrow.

Tory MPs are under a three-line whip to vote down the register amendment tabled by the Tory MP, Dame Janet Fookes with several MPs being forced to cancel foreign trips to attend. The amendment has the backing of the RSPCA, Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs.

However, Lords' sources accept the peers, who have frequently voted for a register, will vote for a national register for all dogs to be included in the bill. The MPs would then have to vote on the issue again next month when the Lords amendments return to the Commons. MPs often shy away from accepting a Lords vote when it is contrary to a decision made in the Commons. But the pro-register peers argue that the guillotine on MPs limits debate on the bill to 12 hours so that the only scrutiny of the legislation will take place in the Lords where there are no restrictions on amendments or time.

Business managers in both Houses are committed to getting the dangerous dogs bill on the statute book by the summer recess so that the ban on ownership takes effect by the end of the year.

The bill, drawn up in great haste after a series of savage attacks by pit bull terriers, imposes strict controls on the ownership of fighting dogs. After November 30, ownership of such animals will be illegal, except where dogs have been neutered, registered, and insured on third party terms. Ministers still have to decide who will run the register of dogs exempted from the ban. One option is that the computerised databank will be administered by an animal welfare charity.

It is understood that police have agreed to provide initial screening of owners who want to exempt themselves from the ban. They would need to present police with vets' certificates proving that their dogs have been neutered and insured. Dogs would also have to be identified, probably by implanting a microchip in an ear or in the scruff of the neck. Police would then send forms containing details of owners seeking exemption to the licensing authority.

The government believes that many owners will be deterred by the cost of complying with the ownership restrictions, which will also include a duty to leash and muzzle dogs in public. Some owners could face bills of £150 a dog.

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Tale of two cities' parades

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soldiers such as Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell, some two million spectators will, among others, be cheering General Sir Peter de la Billière and a 300-strong British contingent that will be led by the combined pipes and drums of the Scots Dragoon Guards and the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

The salute to the returning army has turned into a tale of two cities, highlighting the antagonisms between the Big Apple, the country's cultural and commercial capital, and the smaller home of the federal government 250 miles to the south.

Washington officials depicted their parade as the national ceremony while New Yorkers dismissed it as a provincial dress rehearsal. "Ours is not a victory parade; theirs is," said Barnett Lipton, the producer of New York's megashow. "Ours is a celebration of people."

On Saturday, some 200,000 people turned out in the parkland of Washington to watch the troops and thousands of tons of military machinery. President Bush delivered a moving tribute to the fallen, breaking into sobs for the second time in a week. New York's version, as vertical and urban as Washington's was spread out and horizontal, is also to feature thousands of veterans of previous wars, 60 bands, dozens of celebrities and Italian, Indian, Greek, Korean, Turkish, Maltese and other ethnic dancers.

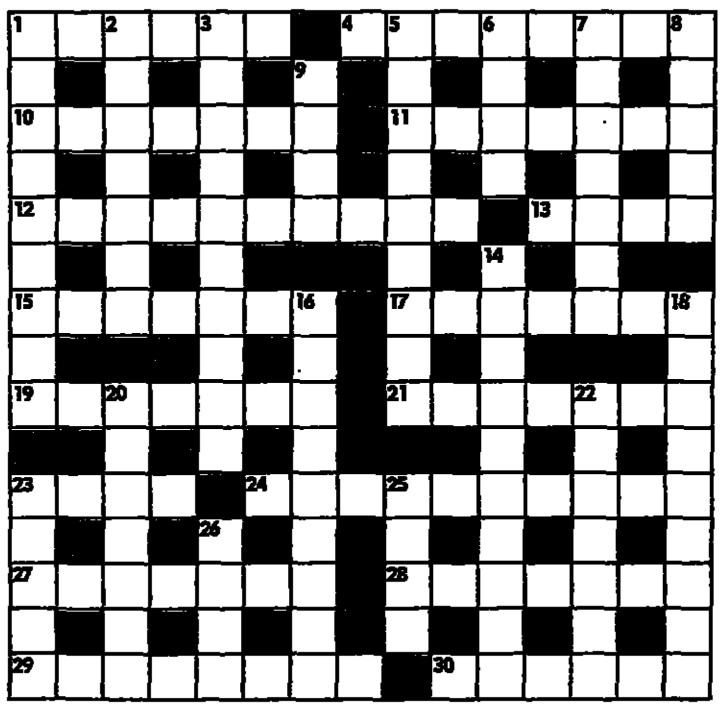
Even for blasé New York, the arrival of forces from a dozen allied countries provided some unfamiliar sights. Most notable were the sailors from HMS Edinburgh, which is docked on the West Side. One group wandering through Greenwich village on Saturday became a centre of attraction, apparently because of the white shorts of their summer uniforms.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Walks of art: Men's shoes may all look the same to the casual observer, but leading footwear designers know better. Dinah Hall ventures among the brogues and Oxfords, and discovers that the more fashionable the man the more traditional his shoes are likely to be

Putting Constable back in the picture: The Tate Gallery's comprehensive new Constable exhibition opens this week. John Russell Taylor finds it an enlightening experience.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,628



ACROSS

1 Fights for what's left (6).
4 Virtually of the same standard (2,4,2).
10 Quite devastated if such a bloomer is made (7).
11 Boss is through with the episcopate (7).
12 Call in an associate at last (10).
13 Split, given the right tip (4).
15 Ruse apt to upset a scientist (7).
17 Greek maid serving drink after 9 (7).
19 Seen as overweight, with very cold behind (7).
21 A slur for musicians, a game for an artist (7).
23 Celebrated old Chinese (4).
24 Support, one fellow holding it's OK (10).
27 Food imported, say, by a Muslim (7).
28 Bound to be against punishment (7).
29 Stick a warning on the food cover (8).
30 The wig may give authority (6).

DOWN

1 Means to secure pay if sent off (6-3).
2 Writes about many ring-roads (7).
3 Steps introduced by coppers in widespread trouble (10).
5 Warning to cease fire (4-5).
6 Order in French, making a sign (4).
7 Protest when the dunderhead is told to go (7).
8 Children without money for expedition (5).
9 A gaol-bird turning up for a celebration (4).
14 Union in which there's exemplary loyalty (10).
16 Memorable leftist — a character (3-6).
18 Note meant to make amends (9).
20 "X" is turning on the mental strain (7).
22 Speaking of gold and silver-plated tin (7).
23 Rogue has quarter with temporary accommodation (5).
25 A very small amount for a fashionable church (4).
26 The sort of eater to complain (4).

Concise crossword, page 17

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,627 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SCIENTIFICS

MAXWELL'S DEMON
a. The Editor of the *Mirror*
b. Delirium tremens
c. A gas bag

HYPERBOLA
a. Scientific exaggeration
b. Above the Arctic Circle
c. A conic section

LE CHATELIER PRINCIPLE
a. No fire without smoke
b. What goes up must come down
c. Nature abhors disturbance

HOOKE'S LAW
a. Heat expands things
b. Density always attracts
c. Strain equals stress

Answers on page 18, column 1

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WEATHER

Northwest Scotland will start cloudy with some fairly persistent rain but this will turn more showery. Further south and east it will be a bright start but from late morning showers are likely anywhere and some could be heavy with thunder. During the evening, many western parts will become dry and bright while showers in the east will become less frequent. *Outlook:* unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Majorca	23	73	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Malta	22	72	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Melb'rne	14	57	r
Amst'dm	16	61	f	Mexico C*	21	70	s
Athens	27	81	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	21	70	s
Bangkok	29	84	r	Montreal*	23	73	s
Barbads*	31	88	f	Moscow	20	68	s
Barcelna	21	70	f	Munich	20	68	f
Belgrade	22	72	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	20	68	f	Naples	26	79	s
Bermuda*	26	79	f	N Delhi	35	95	f
Biarritz	22	72	f	N York*	28	82	s
Borde'x	17	63	d	Nice	21	70	s
Brussels	14	57	r	Oslo	14	57	c
Budapst	23	73	f	Paris	18	64	c
B Aires*	13	55	s	Peking	28	82	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Perth	18	64	f
Cape Tn	17	63	f	Prague	20	68	c
Chicago*	27	81	s	Reykjavik	8	46	f
Ch'church	8	46	c	Rhodes	25	77	f
Cologne	16	61	c	Rio de J	22	72	c
C'phagn	14	57	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
Corfu	23	73	s	Rome	21	70	s
Dublin	13	55	r	Salzburg	19	66	f
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Faro	22	72	s	Santiago*	20	68	s
Florence	25	77	s	S Paulo*	18	64	c
Frankfurt	17	63	c	Seoul	23	73	c
Funchal	23	73	s	St'kholm	12	54	d
Geneva	18	64	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	r
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Sydney	20	68	c
Helsinki	12	54	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Hong K	25	77	r	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Innsbrck	20	68	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Istanbul	21	70	f	Tokyo	27	81	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	27	81	f
Jo'burg*	14	57	f	Tunis	27	81	f
L Palmas	22	72	c	Valencia	27	81	s
La Tquet	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	c
Lisbon	22	72	s	Venice	23	73	s
Locarno	25	77	c	Vienna	20	68	s
London	17	63	f	Warsaw	19	66	f
L Angels*	18	64	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	f
Luxembg	12	54	d	Wel'nton	10	50	c
Madrid	28	82	s	Zurich	18	64	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.18
Austria Sch	21.80	20.40
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Finland Mkk	7.35	6.90
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	323	313
Hong Kong $	13.62	12.62
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2295	2145
Japan Yen	251.50	233.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	12.02	11.32
Portugal Esc	268	250
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	190	170
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7500	6700
USA $	1.77	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	51	33

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.50 in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.7	.72	16	61	shower
Aviemore	3.5	.06	17	63	shower
Belfast	0.3	.22	15	59	shower
Blackpool	2.3	.18	16	61	shower
Bournemouth	9.6	.28	15	59	sunny
Bristol	7.0	.28	16	61	shower
Buxton	7.3	.31	15	59	shower
Cardiff	5.8	.13	17	63	shower
Clacton	10.2	.05	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.3	.14	16	61	shower
Douglas	0.5	65	12	54	shower
Edinburgh	4.7	.04	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.2	.61	11	52	rain
Falmouth	6.1	.04	15	59	bright
Folkestone	9.0	.17	16	61	sunny
Guernsey	10.9	.02	17	63	sunny
Hastings	6.0	.22	15	59	bright
Jersey	8.3	.11	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	0.4	.38	15	59	shower
Littlehampton	8.4	.15	16	61	sunny
Lowestoft	7.0	.09	21	70	bright
Manchester	2.8	.13	15	59	shower
Morecambe	2.5	.25	16	61	shower
Nottingham	7.1	.17	18	64	shower
Penzance	7.9	.02	16	61	bright
Plymouth	9.6		x	x	xsunny
Poole	8.6	.14	17	63	bright
Prestwick	0.1	.27	14	57	shower
Sandown	10.6	.25	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.0	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	9.8	.26	14	57	sunny
Southend	10.5	.05	18	64	sunny
St. Ives	0.3	-	16	61	dull
Teignmouth	8.2	.13	16	61	bright
Tenby	3.4	.17	15	59	cloudy
Tiree	2.6	.62	13	55	shower
Torquay	10.1	.17	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	10.9	.05	15	59	sunny

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: *6pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm,* 0.04 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,001.7 millibars, steady.

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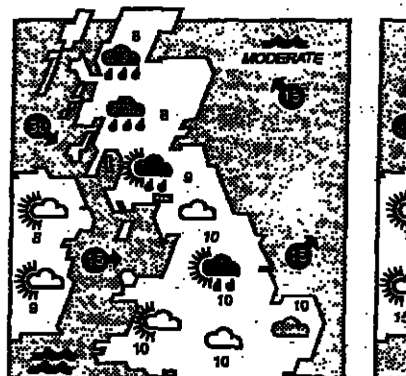

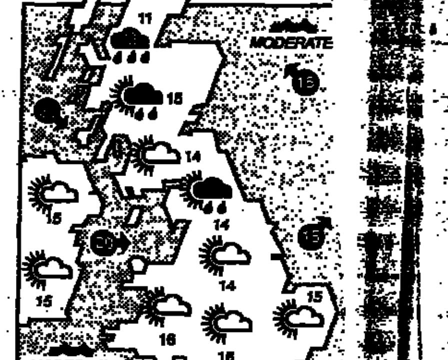

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	14	57	s
B'mgham	15	59	c	Inverness	13	55	r
Blackpool	16	61	c	Jersey	16	61	r
Bristol	15	59	r	London	17	63	f
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'nchster	14	57	c
Edinburgh	13	55	r	Newcastle	14	57	r
Glasgow	12	54	r	R'nldsway	12	54	c

London 9.16 pm to 4.44 am
Bristol 9.26 pm to 4.54 am
Edinburgh 9.57 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester 9.36 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.30 pm to 5.13 am

Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.16 pm
Moon rises 2.39 am
Moon sets 7.20 pm
New Moon June 12

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Edinburgh, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Brawdy, Dyfed, and The Mumbles, West Glamorgan, 0.28 in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 10.2 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.13 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.8 hr.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.43	6.5	Liverpool	9.53	8.7	10.22	8.
Aberdeen	—	—	12.02	3.9	Lowestoft	8.20	2.2	8.24	2.
Avonmouth	5.44	11.9	6.12	12.1	Margate	10.48	4.4	10.55	4.
Belfast	9.32	3.2	10.10	3.2	Milford Haven	4.45	6.2	5.13	6.
Cardiff	5.29	11.0	5.57	11.3	Newquay	3.41	6.5	4.07	6.4
Devonport	4.22	4.9	4.58	5.0	Oban	4.33	3.6	4.51	3.5
Dover	9.37	6.0	9.58	6.3	Penzance	3.28	4.9	4.01	5.1
Falmouth	3.52	4.7	4.28	4.8	Portland	5.19	1.7	6.00	1.
Glasgow	11.42	4.2	—	—	Portsmouth	10.00	4.1	10.25	4.4
Harwich	10.36	3.7	10.56	3.7	Shoreham	9.47	5.6	10.17	5.5
Holyhead	9.01	5.1	9.32	5.2	Southampton	9.39	4.1	10.02	4.3
Hull	4.57	6.6	5.14	6.8	Swansea	4.50	8.6	5.19	8.8
Ilfracombe	4.31	8.1	4.57	8.3	Tees	2.14	4.9	2.30	5.0
King's Lynn	5.09	5.7	5.20	6.0	W'ton-on-Nze	10.35	3.9	10.52	3.5
Leith	1.00	4.9	1.20	5.1					

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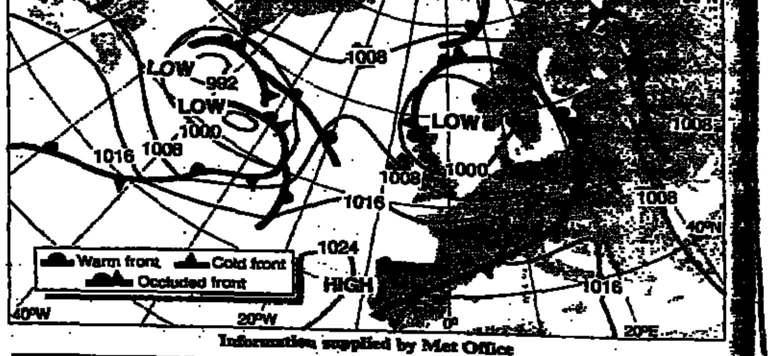

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Pay awards in manufacturing show a sharp decline

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

PAY settlements in manufacturing industry look set to fall rapidly and are already declining more sharply than at any time in the last ten years, the Confederation of British Industry reports today. Ministers have been concerned that rapidly rising unemployment and steeply falling inflation seemed to be having little or no effect on wages. But the latest CBI pay databank figures clearly indicate the impact of the recession on pay bargaining.

Pay settlements were running at an average of 8.1 per cent in the first three months of this year compared with 8.9 per cent in the final quarter of 1990. This decline of 9 per cent is the largest quarter-on-quarter fall since the autumn of 1980. Recent figures from the CBI on pay have been criticised because of revisions which have run counter to the first interpretation put on the data by the employers' organisation but, significantly, this latest quarterly figure has been revised downwards from of 8.3 per cent due to lower pay deals.

The decline looks set to accelerate. Much of the second quarter's deals are dominated by settlements reached in April, and though no figures are yet available for the three months ending in June, the CBI says that settlements in April averaged 6.8 per cent. If the full quarter's figures are at anything like this level, the change will be one of the most dramatic on record.

A survey carried out this month by the Reward Group, which provides data for industry, suggests an even steeper decline since February this year (writes David Young). Pay awards have dropped to an average of 7.6 per cent and are now forecast to average 6.2 per cent over the next year.

However, the survey shows that many large companies still paid increases of between 8 and 10 per cent at the start of the year. Pay rises are still "obstinately high", and larger than in any other European Community country except Greece and Spain. Wages are rising at only 3 per cent in Holland, 4 per cent in Denmark and 5 per cent in Belgium and France.

The CBI confirms that the spread of settlements in Britian is also continuing to move downwards, with more than 1 in 10 deals now at under 3 per cent. The CBI says that the number of pay freezes is growing. This point is confirmed in a separate analysis by Incomes Data Services, the independent pay research company. In a report at the weekend, IDS said the number of pay pauses was increasing, and significantly – given it was one of the analysts most critical of the CBI's first suggestions that the level of pay rises was falling – accepted that the general level of pay settlements is now edging down, falling from a range of 8 to 10.9 per cent in the first three months of 1991 to 7 to 9.9 per cent now.

But figures for private sector services have yet to show anything like the same decline as those in manufacturing industry, the CBI shows. In private services, such as catering, finance and retailing, settlements fell only marginally, from 9 per cent in the first half of 1990 to a provisional 8.9 per cent in the second half of the year. The CBI Databank also suggests that the gap between pay and productivity, which has been of considerable concern to CBI leaders, is narrowing. Unit labour costs in Britain will be competitive, the CBI says, if planned improvements in productivity of 5.2 per cent for the first quarter of 1991 and 5.1 per cent for those settling their pay in April can be achieved.

Pay is still highest in the London area with management receiving 17.6 per cent above the national average, clerical staff 27.2 per cent above and manual staff 13.5 per cent above. The Midlands is the lowest pay area with management getting 10.2 per cent below the national average, clerical workers 11.5 per cent less and operatives 5.1 per cent less.

Former chairman vows to back Tace

JOCK Mackenzie, the former chairman of Tace, has promised to support his successor, as Norwich Union and Framlington step up their efforts to unseat the board.

John Mackenzie junior, Mr Mackenzie's son and still a non-executive director of Tace, will write to shareholders today, pledging to vote in support of Sir David Nicolson, the current chairman, in respect of the family's 23 per cent shareholding.

He accuses Norwich Union of "attempting to run Tace by proxy through a nominee board consisting of early retirals from industries wholly dissimilar to those of Tace".

Angry scenes are expected at the extraordinary meeting, convened for June 19 at the request of Norwich Union, which wants to replace the directors with a new board headed by Michael Beckett, a former director of Consolidated Goldfields.

After pressure from Norwich Union, Mr Beckett was invited to join Tace's board earlier this year, but he resigned just four weeks later claiming other directors were hindering his duties.

Firms to lobby

Boddington Group starts the final week of its bid for J A Devenish, in which both sides will lobby for institutional support, speaking for about 29 per cent of the West Country public house group. On Friday, Boddington bought a further 1 per cent in the market at 210p a share, taking its holding to 10.4 per cent. The rest is made up of acceptances, notably from Whitbread Investment. The offer closes on Saturday.

Discount likely

Manchester United shares are expected to open at a discount of about 30p to the issue price of 385p when dealings begin today. Underwriters were forced to pick up 54 per cent of the shares when the public offering attracted fewer than 10,000 investors. Many of the same institutions subscribed for a further 2.1 million shares via a placing that took place in tandem with the public offer.

Shares deadline

Applications for shares in ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro-Electric, the electricity companies, must be received by 10 am on Wednesday. The shares are being offered on a yield of 5.1 per cent, and "grey market" dealings have indicated a premium of about 30 per cent when dealings start on the stock market.

Holmes move

Rebel shareholders in Holmes Protection, the troubled New York security group, hope to install a new board, headed by Sir Ian McGregor, the former British Steel and National Coal Board chief. The shareholders will meet Tom Mayer, the current chairman, on Thursday. Holmes Protection shares have slid from a peak of 190p to 3p.

Cleaners open

Two Sainsbury supermarkets are to pilot drycleaning services operated by Johnson Group Cleaners. They will open today in the Sainsbury supermarket at Denton, near Manchester, and Pity Me, near Durham.

Markka linked

The Finnish currency, the markka, has been officially linked to the ecu with a central rate of 4.87580 markka. Its upper limit in its fluctuation range was set at 5.02207, the lower at 4.72953.

Stock market prices are on Page 27

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6725 (–0.0260)
German mark
2.9587 (+0.0041)
Exchange index
91.0 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
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FT-SE 100
2506.3 (+6.8)
New York Dow Jones
2976.74 (-50.76)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25035.11 (-754.51)

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Electricity generators may be forced to buy costly home-produced fuel

Sale of Coal will inflate power prices

By Martin Waller

THE two biggest electricity generators will be urged, under the government's plans to privatise British Coal after the next election, to buy coal for their power stations at prices far higher than those on world markets.

The resulting higher cost of generation will be passed on to the consumer, who will thus subsidise coal privatisation. This could also cut across the European Commission's increasingly tough line on state subsidies, which is now focusing on energy.

City analysts are convinced that the key to a successful sale of British Coal is a deal with the electricity industry, requiring it to support uneconomic pits for at least their first few years in the private sector.

Neil Clarke, British Coal's chairman, is expected today to emphasise the importance of the renegotiation of the contracts with the generators in a speech to the moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers' conference in Weymouth.

Mr Clarke said yesterday that the outcome of the final contracts "will obviously be extremely important for any privatisation", though he would not put a figure on the tonnage generators would have to take to make privatisation a realistic option.

When National Power and PowerGen were floated earlier this year, much was made of the prospects for cheaper power generation once the fixed contracts with British Coal ran out in April 1993. In the current financial year, the two are required to take 70 million tonnes of coal of British Coal's 90 million tonne output, at fixed prices above those available on the world market, dropping to 65 million tonnes in 1992-3.

The twin prospectus for the companies gave significant warnings of the potential uncertainty that would arise once the contracts ran out, but the City at least had assumed 1993 represented an area of opportunity for the industry. The companies themselves have been making aggressive noises about cutting their orders from British Coal.

But it now appears that at least some of the contracts will have to continue well beyond 1993 if plans to float British Coal in its present form are to remain viable. The prices currently paid by the generators are approaching 50 per cent higher than for imported coal, although the latter has certain disadavantages such as poorer quality, long-term availability and the cost of transport.

Mr Clarke said there was "a good deal of circling round" the framework of the new contracts at the moment, and the real negotiating over price and tonnage had yet to begin.

The government retains a 40 per cent stake in National Power and PowerGen, which could provide an informal lever in contract negotiations.

If the contractual arrangements cease, a number of British Coal pits will become uneconomic, many in marginal constitutencies in areas such as Nottinghamshire, the UDM heartland. Nigel Hawkins, an analyst at Hoare Govett, the broker, believes British Coal needs fixed contracts to supply 50 million tonnes a year. "If the agreement is simply not there, then I would think a public flotation would be very difficult."

The government is known to be considering a second option of breaking up British Coal into constituent parts and, perhaps, selling these individually to trade buyers. But aside from political difficulties if companies such as Hanson, which already has coal interests, were to apply, this would allow potential purchasers to "cherry pick" and leave uneconomic pits with the government.

Mr Clarke is likely to emphasise three main areas in his speech to the UDM. His principal point will be on the importance of the contract renegotiation, but in addition, he will pay tribute to the "constructive role" of the UDM in the coal industry.

Mr Clarke accepts that the contracts with generators are crucial to BC's overall finances, which are in turn central to the success of any privatisation: "To privatise in any form, you clearly have to be able to demonstrate a balance sheet and a cashflow and a profit and loss account that supports privatisation."

Price of success: will Neil Clarke's supply deal be good enough to float British Coal?

Brent Walker faces new threat

By Our City Staff

BRENT Walker enters another week of brinkmanship today, with some holders of the company's convertible bonds threatening to force it into liquidation if the terms of the financial reconstruction drawn up by the banks are not altered in their favour.

The company's banks will tomorrow be asked to approve the first plank in the reconstruction, the provision of a further £20 million of debt by some of the biggest lenders to provide much-needed working capital.

The threat of a complete collapse, rendering worthless the bondholders' investment, for which they paid £103 million in December, is seen as a negotiating stance by the company and its bankers. There is, however, a fear that it may influence the smaller lenders against the big banks' proposals.

On Friday, Brent Walker's banks were presented with the restructuring, which involves a debt for equity swap, giving them more than half the shares initially. They were also told that the alternative of administration would cost them up to a third of their £1.3 billion outstanding loans.

Meanwhile, Lonrho, the trading conglomerate that has done several deals with Brent Walker, has made informal approaches to some of the banks, expressing an interest in acquiring some of the assets. The banks' view is that any deal is possible at the right price, but they are unwilling to bear all the pain of Brent Walker's financial difficulties.

Harvey-Jones gives support to ICI

By Our City Staff

SIR Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, has received strong support from Sir John Harvey-Jones, his forerunner, in his attempt to face off any bid by Hanson for the chemicals group. Sir John says management control by Hanson would introduce "a clash of philosophy and beliefs" causing both parties to suffer.

Writing in the *Observer*, Sir John criticises Hanson for not trying to make its businesses world class, which he defines as being "feared and respected by its international competitors and with a track record of innovation, investment-led growth and forcing the pace".

Hanson is only feared as an acquirer, Sir John argues. "The Hanson group has had every chance to develop its businesses internationally but has chosen not to. Boosting Ever Ready's return by shutting down research and sponsoring the Derby is not likely to be a blueprint for success in the chemicals industry."

Sir John: philosophy clash

Ratner took £50,000 cut in pay

By Our City Staff

GERALD Ratner, for once steering clear of tabloid controversy, will reveal tomorrow that he took a £50,000 pay cut last year, and is likely to see his salary slide again this year.

Ratners's annual report will show that the chairman's salary fell from £664,303 in 1989 to £615,953 last year. The pay was partly linked to earnings per share, which fell from 26p to 23.6p, despite pre-tax profits rising 4 per cent to £112 million. With earnings expected to be flat this year, Mr Ratner's salary could fall below £600,000.

Mr Ratner will become the latest in a succession of company heads to reveal that they took pay cuts last year.

Late payers may face interest bill

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

COMPANIES would be able to charge customers the same rate of interest they pay their banks on payments that are overdue, under the expected terms of a proposed European Community directive.

Because small and medium firms usually pay more for credit than big companies, the directive would mean that big companies squeezing their small suppliers by taking extensive credit would penalise themselves.

The legislation is expected to follow German law, which makes late-paying companies liable for the extra costs that delayed payments cause their suppliers.

The moves to hasten payments in the run-up to the single European market will create a dilemma for the British government. Ministers have criticised banks for the high interest rates charged on small businesses' overdrafts. Last year, however, the government blocked a Commons private members' bill on the same issue. The government said payment was a matter between companies.

Private credit information and debt collection companies that have been working closely with the European Commission on the *Terms of Payment Directive*, expect German legislation to provide the model for Community-wide regulations.

The small firms lobby in Britain has sought legislation to give the supplier the right to statutory interest to try to combat delayed payment by their corporate customers.

During the outcry over the higher level of interest and charges banks are demanding from small firms, lobby groups have said late payment is a much greater problem than the interest rates.

Industry surveys show that small and medium firms trading on 30-day credit terms are being paid almost 60 days late, placing a huge burden on companies reliant on short-term finance.

Volker Ulbricht, legal counsel to the Federation of Business Information Services (Febis), the European debt collection industry lobby group, said the German system "forced the debtor to be reasonable". He said Febis would be happy to see it adopted throughout the Community.

Under the German system, creditor firms have the right to charge interest on overdue payments and other extra expenses immediately after the first formal reminder is sent out.

Herr Ulbricht said Febis had focused its work in Brussels mainly on data protection rules, but said some of the organisation's member firms had been more active on the issue of terms of payment.

Rolf Tilkowski, managing director of a debt management company, believes that even the German model could be enhanced by borrowing elements of Swiss legislation, which allows debt collectors a more direct role in enforcement, thereby saving legal costs.

Officials working on the directive hope to submit a draft for commission approval in the next few weeks.

The commission has yet to decide whether the proposed directive will apply to cross-border payments only, or will cover domestic transactions too.

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Inflation fall will increase pressure for cut in rates

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIAL data showing a further sharp fall in annual inflation to below 6 per cent will intensify political pressure on the government to cut interest rates to hasten early recovery from the recession. The money markets are allowing for this possibility and three-month interbank rates slipped to 11¼ per cent on Friday, against 11½ per cent base rates.

Despite last week's assurances from John Major, the prime minister, that escape from recession was round the corner, most City economists have been amending their forecasts to show that the economy will bounce back only towards the end of the year.

Some more optimistic backing for the government view has come from Christopher Johnson, chief economic advisor of Lloyds Bank, who believes recovery may have begun already in the second quarter, with consumer spending leading the way. He expects the economy to shrink only 1.5 per cent this year, compared with the government's prediction of a 2 per cent decline, and to expand 2 per cent next year.

On interest rates, however, Mr Johnson agrees with many City economists, who consider that underlying inflation is not coming down fast enough to warrant an immediate cut in interest rates and will limit the scope for cuts in the year ahead.

Money market interest rates ended last week slightly easier, despite a signal from the Bank of England through its market operations that it wanted the existing 11.5 per cent base rate held.

Gavyn Davies, chief UK economist at Goldman Sachs, expects the government to slow the pace of base rate cuts for now. He considers half-point cuts possible in July and September, however, as expected by the money markets.

On the outlook for growth, Mr Davies expects the economy to stabilise in the next three to six months, "but, as yet, there is precious little hard evidence that the trough is near".

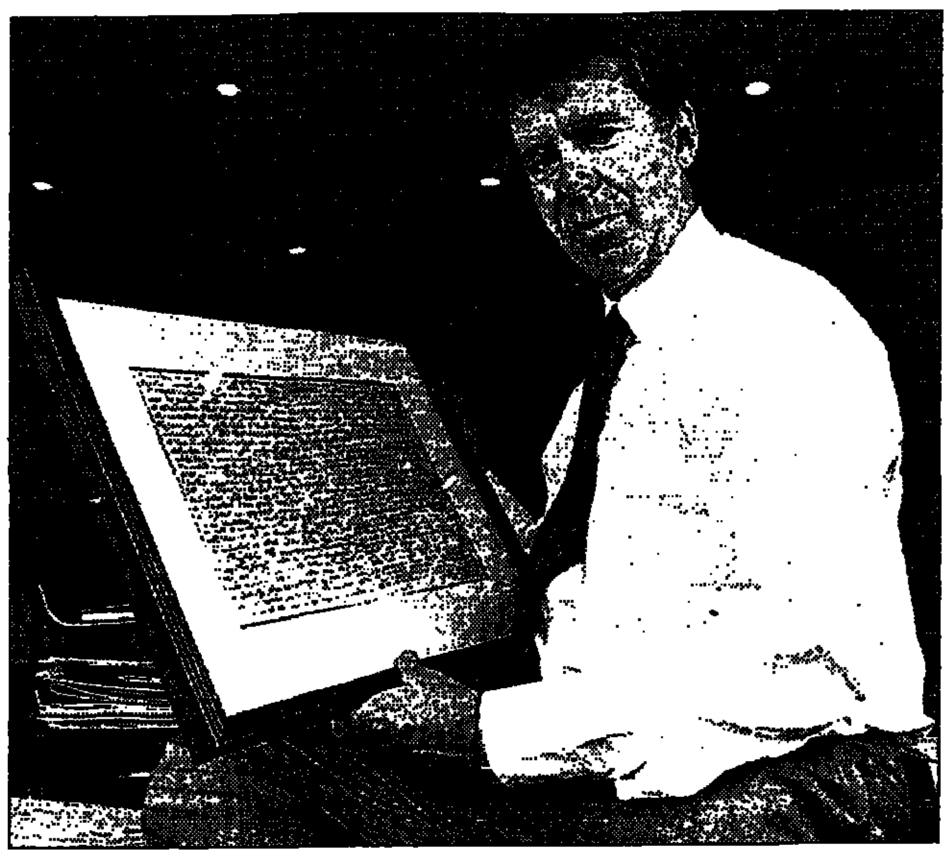
The retail price index, due on Friday, is likely to show prices rising 0.4 per cent in May after a 1.3 per cent surge in April, slowing annual inflation from 6.4 per cent to to 5.9 per cent.

Producer price data, published tomorrow, are forecast to show factory gate prices increasing only 0.4 per cent in May compared, with a 1.2 per cent rise in April. This will bring the annual rise in the Bank of England's favoured measure of underlying inflation to 6.2 per cent from 6.4 per cent. But core inflation has proved disturbingly resistant and some forecasters believe it could still rise again temporarily in the months ahead.

Official figures on Thursday are expected to show average earnings rising 9 per cent in the year to April, unchanged from the previous month. But the unemployment figures that they accompany are expected to show a rise of 85,000.

AVERAGE MARKET FORECASTS

	New	Previous
Monday: Net new credit (April)	£100m	£100m
Tuesday: Input cost inflation (year to May)	-0.5%	-1.5%
Producer prices (year to May)	+6.2%	+6.4%
Thursday: Unemployment (May)	+86,000	+84,000
Average earnings (year to April)	+9.0%	+9.0%
Friday: Retail price index (year to May)	+5.9%	+6.4%



Passing the time: Sir Peter reads Babbage's 1824 description of the first computer

SD-Scicon issues delayed defence to hostile Cray bid

By OUR CITY STAFF

SIR PETER Michael, the chairman of Cray Electronics, will today receive his copy of the delayed defence document from SD-Scicon, the computer software group, three days after it was due under Takeover Panel rules. Cray is bidding £111 million for SD-Scicon.

Sir Peter said he was "extremely disappointed" by the panel's clearance of the delay, which followed negotiations between panel officials and SD-Scicon. Defence documents are normally due within 14 days of the offer document being posted to shareholders, making the deadline last Friday.

But, because the offer was declared final at the outset, the closing date is June 17, barely three weeks after the terms were disclosed to shareholders, giving SD-Scicon little time in which to prepare its defence. As a result, the panel agreed to the company's request for more time.

The defence document is not thought to contain a profit forecast for the year as a whole, but will give detailed information on current trading, especially on troubled contracts, and an indication of profits during the year so far. The document is also likely to focus on strategic plans drawn up by John Jackson, the non-executive chairman, since March. Market rumours have centred on the likely disposal of Systems Control, the profitable American vehicle emissions business, to Hamilton Technologies for £35 million.

SD-Scicon and its advisers at Samuel Montagu will attempt to counter Sir Peter's charge that the company has "no management, no strategy and no profits". SD-Scicon made a £20 million loss after provisions last year.

Sale near for Lowndes carpet unit

TERRY Carter, the Ernst & Young director appointed receiver to the furniture group Lowndes Queensway last August, is close to selling the group's carpet business, which trades as Carpetland.

Mr Carter is talking to four interested parties including several continental European groups. He wants to complete a deal before the anniversary of Lowndes' collapse on August 14. "A deal is weeks away, rather than months away. I am confident that the business will be sold and I expect it to be sold as a single package." About 100 Carpetland shops were still trading.

The management buyout team led by Ray Nethercott, managing director of Lowndes' carpet division, is still believed to be interested, as is Allied Carpets, part of the Asda chain. The management team was the favourite to buy the carpet business but ran into difficulties last October.

The receivers began marketing the business last April with a brochure sent to 20 potential buyers in Britain and continental Europe.

GILT-EDGED

Why consensus views may be out of focus

FORGET politics for a moment. What is the economic background to the gilt market?

The overwhelming consensus among City forecasters is that inflation will fall sharply and settle in a range of 4 to 4.5 per cent through the economic recovery next year. In other words, in the course of one economic cycle, the British economy has submitted to the disciplines of ERM membership. The labour market will deliver pay settlements low enough for Britain to achieve rapid convergence towards the average European inflation rate.

If this view is correct, the recent sell-off in the gilt market presents a buying opportunity for strategic investors. But the comfortable City consensus forecast could easily come unstuck. Surprise about the strength of the recovery, or continued disappointment about the progress against core inflation, could undermine both sterling and gilts.

There are good signs that the recession has bottomed out. Retail sales, imports, output and inventories are all falling much less quickly than in the fourth quarter, and the first two are actually rising. This tentative recovery may soon gather momentum.

Economists may be overestimating the impact of unemployment on consumption. At least 95 per cent of workers who had jobs last December will have them this December. They will see real wage growth over the year of more than 2 per cent. The real issue is how far rising unemployment will increase precautionary savings.

The answer may be not much. First, despite rising unemployment, consumer confidence has been growing. Second, consumers have anticipated rising unemployment by increased saving; the savings ratio in the first quarter may top 12 per cent for the first time in nine years. Third, any further rise in savings by those in work may be partially offset by reduced savings by the unemployed.

As for the inventory cycle, companies have gone a long way to clearing their excess stocks. Stock-sales ratios are back to end-1989 levels, and CBI surveys suggest excess stock levels have stopped rising. Manufacturers cut stocks just £372 million in the first quarter, against a £1.3 billion reduction in the fourth quarter. This alone will have added 1 per cent to GDP in the first quarter; this trend should continue.

More surprisingly, there are signs of recovery in fixed investment. In the first quarter, capital goods output rose 1.6 per cent, after a 4.7 per cent drop the previous quarter. Capital goods imports, meanwhile, after drops of 6.3 and 5.5 per cent in the third and fourth quarters, respectively, rose 0.2 per cent in the quarter ending April.

Bearing in mind that government spending, even without over-runs, will see a real increase of 1.5 per cent in 1991-2, the one area that will not contribute to recovery is net trade.

Exports will be squeezed by the lagged effects of last year's 13 per cent rise in relative unit wage costs and by the slowdown in Germany. Imports will be boosted by the recovery in demand. The market's forecast of a £6 billion current account deficit is, therefore, too optimistic.

This will not be the only factor tending to depress sterling. Even if the recovery disappoints, underlying inflation may not fall by enough to offset the technical factors that will be boosting headline inflation after October.

Hence, the 10 per cent base rates that the market expects by year end will (if they are achieved, which is doubtful) imply prospective real rates of just 4 per cent, lower than anywhere else in Europe.

Sterling may also be weakened by greater foreign investment by British institutions. Overseas asset weightings are now as low as in early 1989, which prompted overseas investment to reach record levels. This may again induce some increase in outward investment this year.

The pressure on sterling has bearish implications for gilts. First, it may force base rates back up. This will be an unpleasant surprise for the short end of the yield curve, which is priced on 10 per cent short-term rates.

Second, the yield spread against Bunds or OATs, German and French government bonds respectively, may have to increase still further. Despite their recent widening, present differentials at the ten-year end of 200 basis points against Bunds and 140 against OATs still seem insufficient compensation for sterling risk.

Third, overseas investors may be frightened off by sterling weakness. They have been heavy buyers; between January and April they bought £2.16 billion of stock. Unfortunately, this has proved very unprofitable.

Since the start of the year, the yen-based investor in 9 per cent Conversion 2000 has seen a capital loss of more than 7 per cent while his dollar-based counterpart has seen almost a 10 per cent loss. Some may soon feel prompted to cut their losses.

Surprise about the strength of the recovery, continued disappointment over inflation and sterling weakness, are all depressing influences on gilts. And we have forgotten about political risk.

MARK CLIFFE and CHRIS DILLOW
Nomura Research Institute Europe

Inflation is expected to fall sharply and settle in the range of 4 to 4.5%

SMALLER COMPANIES

Heywood optimistic for second half

AS BID speculation returns to haunt Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, attention is also being focused on Heywood Williams, Britain's largest distributor of glass.

Heywood sources between 70 per cent and 90 per cent of its glass from Pilkington, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of the manufacturer's British output. So when Pilkington reported pre-tax profits more than halved to £152 million for the year to end March, and gave warning that there was no sign of a recovery in the current year, it augured poorly for Heywood.

But Heywood's shares held remarkably steady at 263p, despite the companies' close association. Following a £28 million cash call in March, Ralph Hinchliffe, chairman of Heywood, has explained to the City how his company is coping with the recession.

Hinchliffe: confident

The message is that Heywood has managed to soften the effect on margins by continually negotiating better supply terms, usually at Pilkington's expense.

Float glass prices are nearly 20 per cent lower than a year ago and Heywood, having negotiated lower bulk prices with Pilkington last November, repeated the coup in April.

Heywood's 2-for-9 rights issue was accompanied by financial results for last year, showing pre-tax profits down from £31.03 million to £23.1 million.

Little better had been expected. Nearly 90 per cent of group turnover is attributed to Britain and half of that comes from replacement windows for housing, a severely depressed market. All but 12 per cent of British sales is associated with the building sector with the balance coming from the automotive sector.

Mr Hinchliffe agrees that it is too early for successive cuts in interest rates to have a positive effect on consumer demand but he remains confident about the outlook for the second half of the current year.

Although demand for glass has probably passed its low point in the current recession, Mr Hinchliffe believes that many competitors, particularly in double glazing, will lack the cash resources adequately to fund working capital requirements when orders eventually pick up.

MARTIN BARROW

CAPITAL MARKETS

Trendy money goes to Latin America

LATIN American debt, the biggest single threat to the global banking system for much of the Eighties, is back in fashion, in a new guise. New bank lending to the continent, which virtually ended after 1983, is still scarce. However, the international capital markets are welcoming Latin American issuers back.

Since the start of the year, there have been more than a dozen Mexican issues, and Venezuelan and Chilean deals are expected to follow.

But, inevitably, after the mayhem of the past nine years, investment in Latin America by the West is far more sober than in the late Seventies, when banks queued to offer unsecured general purpose medium-term credits to virtually all the countries of Central and South America.

The result was the great debt write offs of the late Eighties, which ripped massive holes in the balance sheets of the major American and British banks. The drive to get the debt off the balance sheets, often for political as much as commercial reasons, was overdone. Several British clearers regret their haste in clearing out their Latin American loan book at the bottom of the cycle. The recognition by western banks, however, encouraged by the international and domestic banking supervisors, that provisions were unavoidable, has paved the way for the partial return to respectability for some Latin American countries.

The initiative by Nicholas Brady, the US treasury secretary, in early 1989, gave banks the option to exchange their Mexican debt for bonds. These could be either in the form of par bonds bearing a low coupon, or discount bonds with a higher return. The bonds were secured by 30-year zero coupon US treasuries, bought with money lent by the International Monetary Fund. The coupon was also guaranteed for 18 months from any default. This joint effort of sovereign borrower and public and private sector lenders created from the shambles of Mexico's debts a reasonably secure, high yielding Euromarket instrument (600 basis points over Treasuries).

Mark Coombs, a director of ANZ Merchant Bank, said: "It was a way of getting the debt away from the banks into other people's hands." The investment banks could sell this securitised debt as a high yielding instrument to institutional investors. These Brady bonds have proved phenomenally popular. In March this year, Brady bonds from Venezuela and Mexico were the second and third most actively traded floating rate notes in the market.

With the concept of a Mexican euromarket instrument established, the natural extension was new bonds, backed not by a packaging of the debt of yesterday, but by the economic expectations of tomorrow. Much of these issues ended with domestic investors who had exported their capital to the safety of the West in the Seventies.

For Mexico, the benefits of the Brady deal have been huge. The yield on the par bond has fallen from nearly 17 per cent to 10.4 per cent and Mexican banks have begun issuing certificates of deposit in London. Again, rates have fallen sharply, from about 15 per cent for 90-day paper last year, to 9¼ per cent now. The effect of the cheap money being on-lent to the Mexican domestic economy has helped bring Mexican interest rates down from about 40 per cent to 17.5 per cent. For investors, Mexico and the other more robust Latin American economies are fast becoming the trendiest markets in town.

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
—	ASB Barnett	..	..	.. f	..	..
22.3m	ASD	76	..	..	..	5.4
2,390,000	ATA Selection	15	..	1.3b	8.7	..
7,212,000	Aberdeen Pet	14	−½	..	..	14.0
3,000,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	25	..	..	..	47.2
27.2m	Acal	198	−2	6.5	3.3	10.9
9,295,000	Acorn Comp	14	..	..	..	5.8
18.2m	Airsprung	177	+17	7.8	4.4	13.6
21.8m	Alan Paul	114	..	4.1	3.6	11.4
2,402,000	Albrighton	38	..	..	..	2.1
29.9m	Allen	134	..	6.4	4.8	8.8
2,254,000	Amberley Gp	35	−4	2.0	5.7	10.2
73.9m	Amer Bus Sys	185	..	3.5	1.8	9.3
10.8m	Anglo Pac Res	14	−1	.. ●	..	..
2,884,000	Apollo Watch Prods	4½	−1	..	..	4.8
28.6m	App Holographics	178	..	..	..	..
27.8m	Ashtead	155	r −6	5.5b	3.5	5.6
19.9m	Aspen Comms	153	● ..	10.8b	7.1	7.4
222.8m	Asprey	280	−8	5.8	2.1	14.9
831,000	Assoc Energy	3	..	..	..	..
1,758,000	Assoc Farmers	204t	..	..	..	..
8,707,000	Assoc Nursing	68	−25	4.0	5.9	7.9
2,228,000	Atlantic Sec	11	−2	..	..	20.0
61.2m	Atlas Equipment	758	..	26.0	3.4	17.2
—	Audit General	..	..	0.4f	..	..
2,188,000	Automagic	38	..	1.9	6.0	10.2
1,858,000	BBB Design	20	−3	2.8e	14.0	3.7
1,538,000	BCE	5½	..	..	..	..
2,860,000	BLP Group	8	−3	0.3	3.8	..
8,690,000	BWD	50	..	2.3	4.6	17.2
2,911,000	Beaverco	33	−2	.. ●	..	..
15.5m	Beckenham	35	..	4.0	11.4	4.4
1,390,000	Bedford (William)	28	..	.. ●	..	..
10.2m	Bensons Crisps	138	..	3.7	2.7	10.9
3,647,000	Berry Birch & Noble	58	● ..	2.0	3.4	9.4
54.6m	Better Cons Prods	273	+20	6.2	2.3	19.6
2,951,000	Bilston&Battersea	70	..	4.0	5.7	14.0
4,828,000	Bio Isolates	25	..	..	..	14.7
37.2m	Bioplan	8½	r ..	0.1	1.2	23.0
3,084,000	Bletchley Motors	108	● ..	10.5	10.2	7.8
3,954,000	Bluebird Toys	50	..	..	..	10.4
4,200,000	Border TV	41½	..	2.8	6.7	18.3
410.2m	Borland	230¾	+1	..	..	..
19.0m	Boxmore Ind	176	..	8.5	4.8	8.7
1,740,000	Br Bloodstock	45	..	..	..	5.8
3,118,000	Br Thornton	17	..	..	..	..
11.3m	Brompton Hldgs	63	+10	1.3	2.1	62.5
14.4m	Bula Resources	3	+¼	..	..	60.0
10.8m	Business Tech	56	+11	5.3	9.5	3.4
949,000	CCS Gp	6	..	0.7	11.7	4.7
38.0m	CML Micro	218	+8	3.9	1.8	12.3
3,277,000	CPU Comp	19	+1½	0.8	4.2	11.5
19.8m	Cap & Regional	115	r −5	1.2	1.0	..
24.9m	Caplan Gp	199	−3	6.0	3.0	14.8
10.2m	Carron Phoenix	90	..	1.8	2.0	76.0
2,754,000	Cassidy Bros	51	..	1.0	2.0	..
14.6m	Castle Comm	238	..	11.3	4.8	9.7
14.0m	Central Motor	105	..	4.7	4.5	10.1
4,558,000	Chartwell	73	..	0.3	0.4	5.7
4,810,000	Chelsea Man	42	..	4.6	11.0	..
8,842,000	Chieftain Group	107	..	6.1	5.7	14.2
—	City & West	..	..	..	..	..
3,155,000	City of Lon	41	+1	4.1	10.0	8.4
8,520,000	Clarke Foods	56	..	2.7	4.8	11.1
7,885,000	Clarke Hooper	52	..	5.9	11.3	3.1
785,000	Clearmark	16	r −4	..	..	..
0,274.0m	Colorgen Inc	18½	+2	..	..	..
30.3m	Colourvision	150	−8	7.5	6.0	13.4
1,871,000	Co of Designers	9	−2	0.3	3.3	..
1,284,000	Comac	20	+1	..	..	..
34.2m	Conroy Pet	82	+1	..	..	..
7,003,000	Cook (DC)	28	..	1.0e	3.6	5.3
3,700,000	Cooper Clarke	20	..	1.8	9.0	2.9
8,208,000	Copymore	48	..	3.3	6.9	9.8
11.2m	Corp Services	2¾	+¼	..	..	0.1
16.8m	Cramphorn	101	..	2.6	2.6	14.5
1,481,000	Cranbrook	15	..	..	..	..
8,934,000	Cranswick	102	−1	7.6	7.5	12.0
8,251,000	Craton Lodge	2	..	.. b	..	..
9,161,000	Creighton Nat	202	−3	7.7	3.8	57.4
18.2m	Crossroads Oil Gp	36	+1	..	..	37.1
10.5m	Crown Com.	37	..	2.0	5.4	..
1,360,000	Crown Eye	85	..	4.0	4.7	7.2
1,884,000	Davies (DY)	33	−6	..	..	2.1
4,930,000	Delmar	70	..	..	..	14.1
6,847,000	Denmans Elec	135	..	7.5	5.6	10.4
—	Diamond Gp	..	..	1.5f	..	..
27.1m	Dolphin Packaging	140	−2	5.7	4.1	12.4
38.4m	Druck	500	..	11.2	2.0	14.1
2,390,000	Dunton	5	..	..	..	..
6,247,000	Dudley Jenkins	107	..	5.2	4.9	15.8
5,851,000	Durham (DG)	30	..	2.7	9.0	6.6
9,446,000	EW Fact	128	+5	5.1	4.0	14.0
3,420,000	Eadie	12	..	..	..	..
2,809,000	EFG	18	−5	1.7	9.4	..
2,842,000	Edin Oil & Gas	17	..	..	..	..
21.9m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	113	+2	5.5	4.9	..
21.1m	Eperis	134	● +4	8.5	6.3	8.7
23.2m	Era Group	248	−3	11.5	4.7	7.8
14.8m	Expedier Plc	33	−2	1.3	3.9	11.0
19.5m	Explaura Hldgs	22	..	..	..	..
35.4m	Fairhaven Ind	15¼	..	.. ●	..	..
14.0m	Fairway London	46	r −6	4.0	8.3	11.2
36.8m	Farepak	334	..	8.5	2.5	20.1
5,515,000	Faspel	70	−1	6.5	9.3	8.2
2,960,000	Feedback	35	..	..	..	12.2
4,084,000	Ferromet	2	● −¼	0.1	5.0	11.8
18.5m	Field (Mrs)	11	..	.. ●	..	..
6,471,000	Filofax	29	..	..	..	..
20.0m	Firstland	9	..	..	..	22.0
36.8m	Flextech	144	..	1.3	0.9	14.0
6,430,000	Forward Gp	75	● ..	2.9	3.9	8.4
9,785,000	Freeman Gp	150	−10	11.3	7.5	8.6
7,834,000	French Conn	50	● ..	3.6	7.2	38.6
84.7m	Fuller Smith 'A'	420	+2	7.7	1.8	18.3
4,840,000	GCF Gp	20½	−½	2.3	11.2	..
7,013,000	GWR Gp	234	..	2.7	1.2	14.4
8,495,000	Gabicci	58	−2	5.5	9.5	7.1
7,286,000	Gibbon Lyons	103	..	8.0	7.8	6.9
10.4m	Gibbs Mew	190	..	9.0	4.7	74.8
30.1m	Global Gp	25	..	0.7	2.8	8.3
24.8m	Great Southern	210	● ..	11.3	5.4	15.8
9,937,000	Green (Ernest)	129	..	9.3	7.2	4.9
4,840,000	Greenacre	7	● ..	0.3	4.3	19.4
490,000	Greenwich Comms	7	..	..	..	..
7,950,000	Guidehouse	7	..	0.1	1.4	..
12.9m	Hadleigh Inds	179	−8	8.3	4.6	9.4
3,310,000	Halls Homes	7	● ..	1.3	18.6	..
3,743,000	Hampden Homecare	25	..	0.3	1.2	12.5
7,697,000	Handley Walker	106	+8	10.7	10.1	8.0
2,958,000	Harcourt	9	..	..	..	..
8,321,000	Harmony Leisure	20	..	..	..	..
4,731,000	Hawthorn Leslie	2½	..	..	..	1.8
5,470,000	Heavitree	225	..	4.1	1.8	28.2
8,045,000	do 'A' LV	175	..	4.1	2.3	21.9
1,723,000	Heritage	32	−1	..	..	..
8,702,000	Hewetson	83	..	6.0	7.2	8.1
2,903,000	Hey & Croft	24	..	..	..	..
1,635,000	Hilders	69	..	..	..	7.1
3,602,000	Hobson	9	−1	..	..	..
2,495,000	Holders Tech	60	..	8.0	10.0	8.4
2,496,000	Honeysuckle Gp	30	..	..	..	..
18.3m	Hornby	222	−10	12.0	5.4	7.8
3,668,000	Hughes Food	5	..	..	..	2.0
16.5m	Huntleigh Tech	195	● −10	4.0	2.1	15.5
3,507,000	INSTEM	80	● ..	3.8	4.8	5.4
7,032,000	Intl Comms	17	..	..	..	7.5
1,081,000	Ibex Hldgs	8	..	1.3	16.3	..
17.5m	Inoco	8½	−½	.. ●	..	..
11.8m	Intercare	79	+1	1.7	2.2	20.4
40.4m	Interlink Express	249	+59	11.2	4.5	10.3
7,032,000	Intl Comm & Data	17	..	..	..	7.5
8,494,000	Intl Media	3¾	+¼	..	..	..
13.8m	Intl Resort	64	+7	..	..	8.9
1,160,000	JMD Group	1½	..	..	..	3.7
1,108,000	Kemp (PE)	7	..	..	..	..
6,724,000	Kenmare Res	14	−1	..	..	..
26.0m	Kewill Systems	271	−1	6.0	2.2	10.0
6,392,000	LPA Ind	60	−1	4.7	7.8	10.3
14.3m	Lambert	252	..	15.0	6.0	7.3
4,198,000	Laser-Scan	28	..	..	..	5.5
6,333,000	LBMS Plc	60	−1	1.5	2.5	28.4
1,600,000	LGW	36	..	1.3	3.6	46.8
6,105,000	Lincat	73	..	6.8	9.3	6.3
686,000	Lincoln Hse	5½	..	..	..	1.4
13.7m	Lon & Clydeside	151	..	9.3	6.2	6.6
116.0m	Lon Forfaiting	118	+3	9.7	8.2	20.8
9,008,000	MMT Comp	80	● −2	4.0	5.0	7.8
32.4m	MTL Instruments	185	−1	3.7	2.0	13.6
9,800,000	Magnetic Materials	54	..	4.0	7.4	9.2
3,202,000	March Gp	11	..	..	..	..
8,440,000	Marylebone	17	−1	..	..	3.1
1,530,000	Maxiprint	4½	..	..	..	..
9,341,000	Mayborn	48	..	5.1	10.6	7.7
29.3m	Menvier-Swain	214	+4	9.2	4.3	8.8
200,000	Merchant Mard Ext	0¾	..	..	..	..
26.3m	Merrydown Wine	408	−12	9.3	2.3	19.5
12.8m	Metal Bulletin	140	−2	9.2	6.6	12.2
25.0m	Metsec	162	..	8.5	5.2	9.4
14.9m	Microlec	113	−10	5.5a	4.8	9.6
10.4m	Microvitec	17	..	0.4	2.4	..
16.9m	Midland Scot Res	108	−4	..	..	21.2
2,828,000	Miskin Gp	15	..	2.8	18.7	3.8
6,125,000	Morris Ashby	75	..	5.5	7.3	8.8
20.9m	Mowat	11	..	..	..	61.1
12.9m	New England Props	13	+1	..	..	10.8
270,000	Do 10%	230	..	1000	11.1	..
2,079,000	Norbain	30	..	0.9	3.0	12.4
11.3m	Northumbrian Fine	48	..	2.0	4.2	..
8,790,000	Osborne & Little	95	−1	7.7	8.0	8.8
6,036,000	PCT	136	+16	8.5	6.3	7.7
3,947,000	Pacer Systems	75	● ..	..	..	..
3,330,000	Paramount	9	−¼	..	..	11.8
—	Pathfinders	..	..	.. f	..	..
10.8m	Pegasus	182	−3	16.1	8.4	6.6
24.8m	Pepe Group	92	−2	8.7	9.5	3.8
40.5m	Pict Pet	110	..	..	..	17.3
2,829,000	Planmac	57	● −1	4.8	8.4	11.4
2,953,000	Platon	28	+1	.. ●	..	5.3
998,000	Porth Gp	6½	r ..	0.4	6.2	..
11.3m	Porvair	93	..	4.0	4.3	8.0
3,840,000	Prism Leisure	96	..	6.0	6.3	17.8
0,027.0m	Property Trust	1	..	..	..	..
12.1m	Psion	55	−12	3.2	5.8	58.1
11.6m	Quilgott	40	..	2.9	7.3	9.3
2,416,000	RMT Gp	6½	−½	..	..	..
8,320,000	Radio City 'A'	378	..	.. ●	..	17.8
17.0m	Radio Clyde	267	● −1	11.0	4.1	12.3
15.2m	Radius	58	+3	3.6	6.4	9.1
10.2m	Ramco Oil	61	● ..	2.7	4.4	14.9
3,194,000	Ramus	69	..	..	..	..
18.6m	Rathbone Bros	243	● −2	10.7	4.4	11.6
4,200,000	Real Time Control	60	+4	1.3	2.2	..
1,283,000	Regal Hotels	12	..	7.8	65.0	..
2,119,000	Regina Health	2	+¼	..	..	..
24.0m	Reliance Sec	219	+7	9.9	4.8	14.2
2,342,000	Rentsminster	18	−1	..	..	..
8,880,000	Riva	38	−1	..	..	15.8
52.7m	Resort Hotels	79	−1	4.6n	5.7	9.9
10.6m	Rostel	71	● −1	5.7	8.0	8.8
12.5m	RPS Group	105	−7	4.3	4.1	11.1
4,457,000	SEP Ind	13	+1	1.4	10.8	6.8
—	SPS Consultancy	..	..	.. f	..	..
1,076,000	Sandell	43	..	2.3	6.8	..
15.6m	Sanders Sidney	328	+19	15.0	4.6	11.4
15.5m	Savage	41	−2	..	..	..
4,305,000	Scot Heritable	12	..	2.0	16.7	..
8,664,000	Seacon	93	..	4.7	5.1	6.8
13.2m	Sec Archives	212	..	9.3	4.4	16.0
1,506,000	Select App	7	..	..	..	..
5,930,000	Serif Cowells	24	● −1	2.7	11.3	9.1
6,181,000	Severfield-Reeve	59	..	4.0	8.8	5.4
4,294,000	Sheldon Jones	83	..	6.8	8.2	8.7
2,250,000	Shelton (Martin)	45	..	3.3	7.3	7.0
3,741,000	Sheriff Hldgs	89	..	6.8	7.6	7.9
5,933,000	Sherwood Comp	115	● +4	7.0	6.1	6.8
81.7m	Sherwood Group	508	r ..	12.1	2.4	13.0
3,711,000	Shorco	124	..	6.9	5.6	7.7
3,700,000	Soundtracks	37	..	2.9	7.8	9.9
34.6m	Spandex	323	● −5	7.3	2.3	13.3
2,858,000	Specialeyes	16	+1	..	..	..
2,063,000	Stainless Metal	36	..	1.3	3.6	..
118.1m	Stanhope Props	70	−5	0.1	0.1	14.2
9,861,000	Sterling Pub	38	−2	3.3	8.7	3.1
11.0m	Sterling Tst	52	−3	5.3	10.2	6.5
10.2m	Sunleigh Elect	16	−1	..	..	..
25.0m	Sutherland	47	+2	2.1	4.5	..
2,894,000	Synapse Comp	78	r ..	4.6	5.9	..
630,000	TDS Circuits	7	..	..	..	..
5,421,000	TLS Range	32	−5	2.4	7.5	7.2
34.2m	TMD Advert	340	−6	8.4	2.5	16.4
103.8m	TV-am	159	● −1	18.7	11.8	8.4
6,150,000	Teredo	20	..	..	..	10.5
5,256,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	73	..	6.9	9.5	6.6
7,378,000	Titon	68	● ..	4.0	5.9	12.8
3,305,000	Torex Hire	33	−1	2.1	6.4	10.5
1,300,000	Total Systems	13	..	..	..	..
2,316,000	Tranwood	2¾	−½	..	..	..
11.5m	Transworld	104	−12	..	..	4.4
8,474,000	Treatt	90	+4	4.3	4.8	12.3
11.7m	Trencherwood	47	+3	..	..	..
4,736,000	Trevian Hldgs	43	..	..	..	3.4
8,758,000	Trilion	15	..	0.7	4.7	..
7,313,000	Tubular Edgin	1½	..	..	..	4.7
1,761,000	Tudor	31	● ..	3.6	11.6	9.4
289.4m	Utd Friendly	368	−4	13.7	3.7	20.3
4,454,000	Unit Group	83	−2	..	..	9.4
2,908,000	Usher (Frank)	42	−1	6.0	14.3	3.8
933,000	Venture Plant	6	−1	..	..	..
5,250,000	VTR Plc	68	..	4.5	6.6	6.5
18.2m	Vistec	15	+½	..	..	18.1
2,867,000	Walpac	11	−1	..	..	24.4
5,314,000	Wensum	71	● −2	4.7	6.6	11.0
18.9m	Wentworth	17	..	..	..	5.6
4,099,000	Wescol	39	..	..	..	21.9
5,345,000	Westport	4¼	..	0.8	18.8	3.0
5,870,000	West Scaffold	23	r −2	2.7	11.7	..
6,650,000	Wharfdale	30	+1	.. ●	..	33.3
2,003,000	Whitney Mackay	28	..	1.3	4.6	10.1
5,702,000	Wood John D & Co	74	−1	2.9	3.9	21.8
2,580,000	Wld of Leather	32	+2	..	..	..
34.4m	Wyevale	182	+1	4.5	2.5	21.9
13.6m	Wyko	60	..	5.0	8.3	8.5
8,096,000	XCL Sunrise	4½	..	..	..	..
7,711,000	Xtra-vision	5	..	..	..	..
11.9m	Young Group	128	..	6.9	6.6	14.0
2,889,000	Zorich Group	2¾	..	..	..	..

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
667.5m	Alliance	£18	..	89.3	4.1	32.1
144.3m	Amer Trust	175	+1	6.3	3.6	42.8
320.9m	Ang & O'seas	281	−1	8.2	2.9	42.5
15.8m	Anglo Scan Inv Tst	79	● −2	8.0	7.6	15.4
49.7m	BZW Conv	96½	..	8.0	8.1	22.0
167.2m	Bankers	108	−1	3.9	3.6	33.6
7,075,000	Berry Starq	136	..	2.4	1.8	32.6
316.8m	Br Assets	82½	● −1	5.3b	8.4	24.6
67.1m	Br Empire Sec	60½	● ..	1.8	2.9	64.7
1,453,000	do Wnts	11	..	..	..	..
423.0m	Br Inv	678	● −7	30.0	4.4	28.4
103.0m	Brunner	181	+1	5.7	3.5	30.7
50.9m	City & Comm	214½	..	..	..	..
34.8m	Cont Asset	180	+2	0.9	0.6	..
27.8m	Derby Inc	234	+4	23.5	10.0	13.3
25.1m	Do Cap	194	−1	..	..	..
89.4m	Drayton Asia	69	+1	0.9	1.0	69.9
109.4m	Drayton Cons	320	−5	22.7	7.1	18.8
41.8m	Drayton Eng Intl	93	● +5	4.3	4.6	29.4
152.9m	Drayton Far East	115	+2	0.8	0.7	..
172.8m	Dunedin Inc Gth	545	+8	32.0b	5.9	21.6
168.0m	Dunedin Worldwide	503	● +8	12.0	2.4	47.0
48.5m	Dundee & Lon	271	−4	16.0	5.9	22.2
10.0m	EFM Inc Tst	67	..	..	..	..
5,887,000	EFM Inc 0Div Pf	39¼	+1	..	..	..
697.8m	Edinburgh	234	● +1½	10.3	4.4	28.7
102.2m	Electric Gen	113	..	4.0b	3.5	39.1
110.4m	English Scot	138	+3	4.7	3.4	24.2
98.7m	Ensign	33	−2	1.7	5.2	25.6
56.8m	European Asset	228	+1	..	..	..
95.7m	F & C Eurotrust	163	+5	1.5	0.9	..
41.6m	F & C Germany	108	● +6	0.3e	0.3	..
194.6m	F & C Pacific	183	+4	2.1	1.1	70.7
85.8m	F & C Smaller	98	..	2.2	2.3	54.2
6,375,000	First Charlotte	8½	● −¼	0.3	3.5	44.7
55.2m	First Tokyo Index	125½	+½	..	..	..
121.1m	Fleming American	185	+6	2.3	1.3	91.0
68.0m	bFleming Claver	330	−2	13.3	4.0	30.4
62.4m	Fleming Enterprise	156	−1½	5.3	3.4	37.5
334.1m	Fleming Far East	221	● +4	2.7	1.2	..
28.5m	Fleming Fledgeling	227	..	4.7	2.1	64.3
29.7m	Fleming High Inc	99	● −1	7.7	7.8	17.1
192.8m	Fleming Japanese	251	+1	1.0	0.4	..
319.3m	Fleming Mercantile	221	+2	6.5	2.9	29.5
273.8m	Fleming Overseas	206	● +4½	5.3	2.6	51.8
160.7m	Fleming Universal	231	● +1	3.7	1.6	87.0
898.6m	For Col	171	..	3.9	2.3	54.8
138.3m	GT Japan	217	+1	1.9	0.9	..
21.0m	General Cons Cap	118	+2	..	..	..
48.3m	Do Inc	128	−1	13.9b	10.9	11.9
142.6m	Govett Atlantic	176	● +2	4.7b	2.7	69.6
338.8m	Govett Oriental	575	● +6	2.3	0.5	..
171.7m	Govett Strategy	175	● −5	8.9	5.1	17.2
35.1m	Greenfriar	286	+2	7.3	2.5	41.1
10.9m	Gresham House	258	..	9.7	3.8	15.5
30.6m	Independent Inv Co	33	..	0.3	0.9	..
289.6m	Inv Cap	108	● +½	6.7b	6.1	22.0
27.1m	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	94	−1	8.1	8.7	28.9
24.3m	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	148½	+1½	..	..	..
127.1m	Kleinwort Charter	157	+2	5.4	4.1	25.7
132.3m	Kleinwort O'seas	165	+1	4.3	2.8	45.0
15.3m	Kleinwort Smaller	116	..	6.1	5.3	21.8
98.6m	Law Debenture	435	+5	21.3	4.9	24.7
74.5m	Majedie	284	● −3	11.3	4.0	30.3
212.8m	Merchants	209	● +2	13.5b	6.4	20.5
2,439.7m	Merrill Lynch	224¾	+2¾	..	..	..
273.1m	Monks Inv Tst	362	● −4	8.9	2.5	47.1
192.9m	Murray Income	239	● −3	12.9	5.5	22.6
258.1m	Murray Intl	219	−3	14.5	6.6	19.4
137.8m	Murray Small	248	−2	4.5	1.8	69.9
51.4m	Murray Venture	208	..	12.7	6.1	17.8
52.0m	New Frontier	62	..	0.3	0.6	99.3
23.2m	do 8¾% Ln	277½	..	650	8.4	..
47.9m	Northrog Inc 83	121	+3	10.7	8.8	15.1
91.5m	O'seas Inv Tst	241	● +2	3.2	1.3	..
42.8m	Pacific Assets	222	+2	1.2	0.5	78.8
8,847,000	[illegible] Gp	7½	..	..	..	..
8,063,000	Personal Assets	54	● −½	2.0	3.7	35.8
159.4m	RIT Cap Prtnrs	98	● ..	3.5	3.4	27.2
33.1m	River & Merc	110	−1	..	..	..
—	Robeco	305	..	..	..	..
—	Rolinco	300	+5	..	..	..
2,006.3m	Rorento	£19¼	..	..	..	..
80.4m	St Andrew Inv Tst	234	+1	9.6b	4.1	31.8
415.6m	Scottish	103½	● −2½	5.5	3.4	40.3
255.0m	Scot American	114½	● −2	6.3b	4.8	25.9
870.8m	Scot Eastern	88½	−1	1.9	3.1	41.5
14.8m	Scot Merc 'A'	93	..	4.6	4.9	28.5
537.4m	Scot Mtge	149	● ..	4.9	5.5	38.7
221.0m	Second Alliance	£11½	..	44.7	3.9	41.8
230.8m	Secs Tst of Scotland	72	● +1½	4.1b	5.7	28.2
28.0m	Selective Asset	97	..	1.0	1.0	40.2
38.9m	eSphere Inv	30½	..	5.2	17.8	9.4
99.0m	Steel Burrill	278	+5	15.3	5.9	14.4
41.3m	TR Far East	69	● −1	5.3b	6.9	18.6
220.8m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	115½	+½	5.9	5.1	20.8
54.2m	TR Pacific	81	..	0.3	0.4	..
61.8m	TR Property	31½	−1½	1.9	6.0	30.3
18.5m	TR Tech Inv	51	..	2.1	4.1	18.3
240.5m	TR Sml Cos	138	−3	4.5	3.3	38.4
148.6m	Temple Bar	260	..	15.9	6.1	18.2
69.0m	Thornton Asian Emg	69	● +1	0.7	1.0	..
159.7m	Throgmorton	57	..	2.9	5.1	31.5
11.6m	Throg Dual	333	..	..	..	..
124.0m	Tribune	242	+4	7.9	3.3	31.9
58.7m	USDC Investment	163	−1	5.7	3.5	33.7
13.4m	Value Inc Tst	64	● −½	3.6b	5.6	16.5
123.1m	Westpool	123	−3	2.9	2.4	34.8
352.0m	Witbread Inv	556	● −10	18.5	3.3	35.7
519.3m	Wtan	152	−3	6.3	4.1	26.9

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US shows way to beat recession

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Alan Greenspan has pulled it off. The American recession seems to have ended after just six or seven months of decline. This was the main message from last week's unexpectedly strong economic data from America, culminating in the employment statistics published on Friday. The end of recession may not be good for Wall Street, which has become dangerously addicted to constantly falling interest rates, but it should be excellent news for the world economy, including Britain. For the Treasury and Downing Street, however, America's rapid recovery may prove to be an embarrassment, as well as a relief.

A rebound in America will leave Britain as the only significant economy still suffering from recession, a dubious distinction that will put the lie to the excuse that Britain's economic troubles are due to international events. More importantly, the contrast with the brief American recession will demonstrate that Britain's approach to economic policy is irrational and counterproductive. John Major continues to suffer from a worse case of monetarist tunnel vision even than Nigel Lawson, a dangerously obsessive condition exemplified by Mr Major's statement last Friday that falling inflation was "the first, second and third thing we seek". The next time Mr Major makes a comment like this, or claims that "there is no alternative" to what he is doing, the answer should be simple — look at America.

The Fed has fine-tuned demand successfully for the best part of a decade, avoiding excessive booms and unnecessary busts since Paul Volcker ended his monetarist experiment in September 1982. To measure this achievement against the failure of economic management in Britain, it is worth recalling that, a year ago, America seemed a much more vulnerable economy than Britain, with black holes in the banking system, dizzying levels of debt in many industrial companies, vast oversupply in the property market, deadlock in fiscal policy and huge imbalances in the trade accounts.

Why has the Fed succeeded where the British Treasury has so abjectly failed? The answer: pragmatism and boldness.

Alan Greenspan's Fed could not be described as Keynesian or monetarist or supply side. Instead of adhering rigidly to any one economic theory, Mr Greenspan has drawn from them all as the situation required. He has also been pragmatic about ultimate objectives. Lowering inflation could never be described as the Fed's only goal. Mr Greenspan has always aimed to stabilise real economic growth and employment, as well as to contain inflation. To decide whether inflation or unemployment was the greater threat at any particular stage in the economic cycle, Mr Greenspan has looked to common sense indicators of economic activity, ranging from paperboard output to freight-car loadings on railroads, without ignoring the messages from monetary aggregates or exchange rates.

But to achieve results, this pragmatism in theory had to be combined with boldness in action. Once Mr Greenspan decided that recession was a more serious threat than inflation last December, the Fed's stimulative actions became quite extraordinarily bold. Not only were market interest rates cut to 5½ per cent, but the dollar was also allowed to fall sharply to stimulate exports. The gain in net exports in this recession was equivalent to 1.2 per cent of GNP; in the average post war recession, the corresponding figure was only 0.1 per cent. Had it not been for this stimulus from the devalued dollar, the present recession would have been one of the steepest on record, with a fall in domestic final demand of 1.6 per cent of GNP, compared with an average fall of 0.7 per cent.

The willingness to take extreme risks with the dollar's exchange rate was, in fact, the most remarkable feature of the Fed's policy in the past six months. The last cut in the discount rate was made at a time when the dollar was hitting daily new lows on the foreign exchanges and when expectations were strongly weighted towards an outright currency collapse. In effect, the Fed signalled publicly and in the clearest possible manner that it did not care about the fall of the dollar — or at least that it did not care as much about the weakness of the currency as about the weakness of American employment, production and domestic demand.

In retrospect, Mr Greenspan was clearly right. After the last cut in the discount rate, investors concluded that the American economy was going to be revived, regardless of the apparent financial risks. They also realised that the dollar's level was no longer being artificially supported by short-term interest rate advantages.

Ironically, but not altogether surprisingly, these realisations increased the confidence in the dollar, which enjoyed its sharpest advance on record in the early spring. Whether this advance will be sustained is another question. The long-term decline in industrial competitiveness, the inability to generate savings and the instability of its financial system remain deep problems, far beyond the reach of monetary policy. But at least the Fed has not allowed a deep recession to make America's long-term problems worse.

Germany tests unions' mettle

Industry-wide unions play a vital role in the economic life of Germany but are they pricing workers out of domestic jobs?

History of battles: metal workers have long known the value of a tactical strike like this one in Munich in 1954

IN THEIR respective countries, they were among the highest ranking and most influential public figures; well-educated, well-spoken, impeccably dressed. They were not politicians in the usual sense, but union leaders of high political calibre.

Harry Tisch was the much-feared leader of the East German trade union, a monopolistic organisation and official organ of the state.

In the West, Franz Steinkühler, a suave Swabian, presided over almost 3 million members of IG Metall, the west German metalworkers union. He is also feared, by union officials and employers alike, not least because of his reputation for running the union more efficiently than chief executives run their companies. IG Metall is, of course, not an organ of the state, but it is an organ without which the state would be almost unthinkable.

West and East Germany have united, and Franz and Harry have gone separate ways. Tisch went into custody last year, and last week was sentenced by a Berlin court to 18 month imprisonment. He was convicted on the only charge the court could substantiate: "embezzlement of socialist property", rare indeed under new pan-German law.

By contrast, the rise of Herr Steinkühler continues unabated. On the day Tisch was convicted, Herr Steinkühler celebrated IG Metall's 100th anniversary with champagne, and even with the presence of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, who is not usually the union's best friend. But the union has been one of the main beneficiaries of the Chancellor's policy of fast unification as it has picked up over 1 million new members since October. Now, with 3.7 million members, it is the largest union in the western world.

Unlike Tisch and his friends from the "wrong" side of the fence, Herr Steinkühler has, it is rumoured, a bright future. One rumour has him as the successor to Carl Hahn as president of Volkswagen, which if true, would raise an eyebrow or two even in a country which is well-known for its close links between unions and industry.

The metalworkers' union was founded in 1891 after the abandonment of Bismarck's anti-socialist laws. The union, then not recognised by the employers, was originally a political organisation devoted to class struggle. In 1906, the metalworkers' union and the social democrats agreed the party's role was *political*, the union's *social*. It was during the Weimar Republic in the Twenties that the unions were recognised by the employers and negotiated the introduction of the eight-hour working day. Outlawed under the Nazis, the metalworkers re-established themselves under their present name after the war.

In the Seventies, through the legislation on *Mitbestimmung*, or co-determination, the union received its most recent boost. *Mitbestimmung* entitled workers (in fact union officials) to 50 per cent of the seats in any public company's supervisory board, although, except in the coal and steel industry, the shareholder's representatives have the final casting vote.

Mitbestimmung was a class act. Reviled at the time by employers who feared a breakdown in management, even an attack on the free market, *Mitbestimmung* is now considered an integral part of Germany's corporate life. The number of disputes has fallen and recently it has been recognised that *Mitbestimmung* could serve as a poison pill against anybody launching a hostile takeover bid.

Since the mid-Eighties, the union has pursued more materialistic goals. At the heart of its present campaign is the introduction of the 35-hour week, almost certain to arrive sometime this decade, and an increase in nominal wage levels in eastern Germany to western standards.

Steinkühler: bright future

Herr Steinkühler and his union have a history of winning battles. IG Metall's most feared weapon is the "tactical" strike, targeted solely against a small number of car component companies. Even a few weeks of supply shortages could bring car production to a complete halt and employers have usually caved in, as they did this year when they grudgingly agreed to a 6.7 per cent collective pay rise to the metalworkers, over twice the inflation level. The employers, the Bundesbank and the government are concerned. But with brimming order books and capacity shortages a strike would have been too damaging, at least in the short-term.

Thanks to Herr Steinkühler's dogged persistence, German wage costs have this year overtaken Switzerland's as the highest in the world, averaging DM36 (£12) per hour, due in part to employers' social security contributions. It is because of these disparities that the German unions are weary of Europe's single market and insist on unitary social legislation, based on German levels and not the lowest common denominator.

The possiblity of relocating plants to other parts of Europe is likely to become the employers' strongest defensive weapon against rising union power. Bosch, the car components group, has already set up a plant in Wales to reduce its German exposure, and Daimler-Benz has threatened to move some of its pre-assembly lines abroad. The ability to relocate is limited to the extent that the label "made in Germany" remains a German company's strongest selling points. But this applies principally to finished products.

More worrying for the unions is that productivity in German factories abroad is similar to that at home. The image of industrious Germans might have been true in the Sixties and Seventies but it no longer holds. And in a single market there will be no economic reason for them to paid more than their French and British counterparts.

Harry Tisch and his comrades failed to read the "writing on the wall" during their last years in power. While the present German unions' single-mindedness might not necessarily forebode their instant demise, life in the Nineties is going to become much more difficult.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Strong rise in profits and dividends likely from Racal Telecom

ATTENTION will focus on details of the demerger of **Racal Telecom** from **Racal Electronics**, the electronics group, when Electronics, chaired by Sir Ernest Harrison, and Telecom, its 80 per cent-owned subsidiary, report final figures on Wednesday.

The demerger will be the biggest in British corporate history. The feeling in the market is that the first stage could be completed by the beginning of September. News is also awaited on what is going to happen to the group's other businesses, particularly the Chubb security company, but further stages in the reorganisation may have to wait for more favourable conditions.

Salomon Brothers, the American securities house, expects Racal Telecom to ring up full-year pre-tax profits of £237 million (£165 million), with earnings per share of 16.8p (11.9p) and a dividend of 5.2p (2.5p).

Market forecasts range from £230 million to £240 million. This strong advance in profits will come in spite of low second-half growth in Vodafone subscribers.

Salomon expects pre-tax profits at Racal Electronics to reach £229 million (£201 million), with earnings per share of 9.3p (9.1p) and a dividend of 4p (3.6p). Market forecasts range from £220 million to £230 million.

TODAY

Chris Munro, at Hoare Govett, expects final pre-tax profits at **Emap**, the newspaper and magazine publishing group, to decline to £32.5 million (£38 million), reflecting the depressed advertising market.

Final pre-tax profits at **British Land**, the property company, are likely to slump to about £25 million (£44.8 million), according to Kleinwort Benson Securities. Market forecasts range from £19.3 million to £30 million. Kleinwort forecasts a net asset value of up to 390p (492p) a share and a dividend of 5.88p (5.25p).

Unigate, the St Ivel dairy foods to transport group, gave a warning in mid-March that pre-tax profits for the year to the end of that month would be about £75 million, against £105.5 million last time, although it expected to maintain the final dividend at 9.6p, making 15.3p. Market forecasts range from £75 million to £85 million.

Both the Arlington motor vehicle business and Giltspur, the exhibition services subsidiary, are expected to "break even at best", reflecting depressed expenditure in those areas. The milk business will have been affected by a decline in doorstep deliveries in the South, estimated to be down about 7 per cent.

Analysts will be waiting to hear how current trading is coming along, although the feeling in the market is that conditions have continued to deteriorate since the company gave its warning.

Interims: Control Techniques.
Finals: Acal, Anglo United, British Land, Elga Group, Emap, Faupel Trading Group, Rowe Evans Investments, Unigate, Vibroplant.
Economic statistics: Retail sales (April — final), credit business (April).

TOMORROW

In contrast to Unigate, **Northern Foods**, the Hull food group, is expected to make good progress in all divisions. Richard Allan, an analyst at Kleinwort , has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £104 million, against £90.2 million last time. Market forecasts range from £102 million to £104 million. A final dividend of 8.2p (7.2p) is expected, making 14.2p (12.5p).

The milk business has fared better in the North, with doorstep deliveries thought to be down only 1 per cent. The convenience foods operation will benefit from strong sales growth, estimated at about 20 per cent.

The group, which supplies Marks and Spencer, Tesco and Sainsbury's, will benefit from the fact that food retailers "are now prepared to pay up for quality", reacting to chilled food scares that put their own names at risk if there was any publicity.

Sir Ernest: demerger soon

Interims: Burndene Investments, Hawtin, Johnson & Firth Brown, London & Clydeside Holdings, Midlands Radio.
Finals: Airsprung Furniture, Amersham International, Anglian Water, BSS Group, Casket, Drummond Group, Marston, Thompson & Evershed, Meyer International, National Grid Company, National Grid Holdings, Northern Foods, Osborne & Little, Oxford Instruments, Safeland, Vosper Thornycroft.
Economic statistics: Producer price index numbers (May — provisional), international banking statistics (first quarter).

WEDNESDAY

Analysts expect interim pre-tax profits at **First Leisure** to climb to about £11.5 million (£10.1 million).

Robert Fowlds, at Kleinwort, expects final pre-tax profits at **Regalian Properties**, the developer, to slip to £9 million (£11.1 million). But the net asset value per share is likely to edge up to about 150p (149p).

Interims: Berisford International, Caldwell Investments, Daily Mail and General Trust, Dwyer, Equity & Law International Funds, First Leisure Corporation, Intercare Group.
Finals: Cape, Cater Allen Holdings, Hambros, Kembrey, Mansfield Brewery, M&G Second Dual Trust, Porter Chadburn, Racal Electronics, Racal Telecom, Regalian Properties, St James's Place Capital, Waddington (John), Wardell Roberts.
Economic statistics: Balance of payments (first quarter).

THURSDAY

Cable and Wireless, the international telecommunications group, is expected to report an advance in final pre-tax profits to £603 million (£527 million), according to Bobby Phillips, at County NatWest WoodMac, although growth in earnings per share will be held back to about 1 per cent at 31.5p (31.3p). The dividend is forecast at 11.9p (10p). Market forecasts range from £590 million to £615 million.

Andrew Porter, at Nikko Securities, is looking for final pre-tax profits at **London International Group**, the surgical products to photo processing group, to rise to £39 million (£36.5 million), before exceptional items. LIG predicted profits of at least £38 million at January's £61.5 million rights issue.

Final pre-tax profits at **Smith New Court**, the broker and securities house, are expected to decline to about £10 million (£14.5 million), reflecting depressed equity turnover, although the group is thought to have made more than £5 million after the year end by acting for Hanson in buying 20 million ICI shares.

Interims: Bradstock Group, Chiltern Radio, Chrysalis Group, Eldridge, Pope & Co, Kleinwort Charter Investment Trust, RCO Holdings, Watson & Philip.
Finals: Barbour Index, BTP, Elswick, Erskine House, Finlay (James), Firstland Oil & Gas, FKI, Johnson Matthey, Locker (Thomas) Holdings, London International Group, London & Metropolitan, Salvesen (Christian), Smith New Court, Staveley Industries, Welsh Water.
Economic statistics: CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (May), provisional figures of vehicle production (May), capital issues and redemptions (May), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (May — provisional): average earnings indices (April — provisional): employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs: industrial disputes.

FRIDAY

Interims: Crown Communications, Heavitree Brewery, Jersey Electricity Co, Strata Investments, Venture Plant Group.
Finals: Chloride Group, Cohen (A) & Co, Craig & Rose, Learmonth & Burchett Management Systems, Maxwell Communication Corporation, Sketchley.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (May), retail prices index and tax and price index (April).

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

ICI's prickly problem

WHETHER or not Hanson will bid for ICI is the main talking point among nature lovers on Teesside. The ICI factory at Wilton, Cleveland, has built 50 homes around its perimeter — for hedgehogs. Now, there are fears that the structures would be the first to go if Hanson took over. Ken Smith, an ecology adviser to ICI, says the hedgehog population has boomed since the houses were built, winning the praise of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. Even the normally unflappable Lord Hanson may have met his match.

Allsopp defects

RICHARD Allsopp, the lively, dapper investment trust salesman at Warburg Securities, has defected to Barings to set up a new desk. He is joined by Rupert Lee, a long-time colleague, who will add his expertise to the project. The pair were part of the team that defected *en masse* to Warburgs from Laing & Cruickshank in 1985, led by Garth Milne, who stays on at the helm with the rest of the original members.

TIME to panic: Vivien Marcy, director of crisis management at The Rowland Company, has been made redundant.

Left in the cold

ANDREW Freeman, the jovial chief executive of Atkins Brothers (Hosiery), was in London on Friday to brush up his image. Square Mile, his PR adviser, coaxed him on to the roof of its West End offices for a photo session. The photographs were taken and Freeman, formerly of Coats Viyella, and his entourage dashed back inside and slammed the door, just as it began to pour with rain. After a long and relaxing lunch, they returned to the sound of screams echoing down the lift shaft. The unfortunate photographers had been stranded on the roof and were soaked to the skin.

Reed re-emerges

TODAY marks the re-emergence of Nigel Reed, once part of the top-rated leisure team at Kitcat & Aitken, as a City analyst. He starts work in the Wigmore Street offices of Paribas as head of the leisure and drinks research team, a new post. "It's a sector that's obviously got lots of recovery potential," says Reed, who left Kitcat almost two years ago to set up his own fund management business, ahead of Kitcat's closure in June last year. His former colleagues at Kitcat, Roy Owens and Bruce Jones, are now at Smith New Court.

Tokyo talkback

HARD on the heels of Mrs Thatcher's revealing magazine interview in Japan, fellow Britains are rushing to play their part. Top of the list is Robert Windmill, who runs the Japanese and Central European practices of McKenna & Co, the solicitor, and was interviewed in Tokyo last week. Japanese businessmen are queuing up to invest in eastern Europe and firms such as McKenna, which, so far, is the only British firm with an office in Budapest, would like to advise on the investment. "It will have a lot of noughts on it, whatever the currency," says Windmill, happily.

Dual controls

LORD King, the British Airways chairman, has been trying every trick in the book to encourage people back into the air. Hopefully, he will have more success than with his long-running plans to set up a domestic airline in Germany. Discussions over Deutsche BA have been going on for months, but the launch has been delayed over wage demands. This may not be entirely surprising, as one of the union representatives involved is Manfred Holzel, who sits on the advisory board of Lufthansa, the state-controlled airline.

JON ASHWORTH

ARE SCOTTISH ELECTRICITY SHARES A GOOD INVESTMENT?

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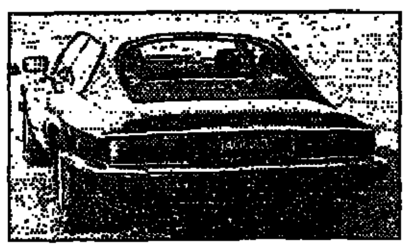
Cold shoulder for big cars



Demand for costly cars such as Jaguars has fallen off in the recession. Does this herald a new age of smaller company cars, asks Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

Sales figures for executive cars are one of the best indicators of Britain's economic health. When British company directors are smiling, big, high-performance cars are bound to be in demand.

Never was that more true than during the mid-Eighties stock market boom when companies such as Porsche and BMW sold record numbers of cars to young, upwardly mobile professionals and other high-flyers.

Jaguar, Ford, Vauxhall and Rover were also grateful as chairmen and managing directors bought expensive limousines and, at the same time, helped fuel profits for British car manufacturers. But has the recession of the early Nineties finally put paid to the concept of the big executive car?

The statistics seem to confirm this view, with executive cars falling victim to a sales decline much greater than the rest of the market. Sir John Egan, the former Jaguar chairman, used to maintain that whatever the economic climate, there would always be demand for luxury cars because that was the end of the market best insulated from recession.

That is no longer true, and this year Jaguar, as much as any manufacturer of executive models, has suffered from the dramatic slump in new car sales. In the first four months, sales of executive models fell from 79,775 last year to 60,442. Jaguar sales were halved, but the Coventry manufacturer is not an exception.

Jaguar's parent company, Ford, has also been hit hard; sales of Britain's favourite executive car, the Granada, are down a quarter. Vauxhall's Senator and Carlton ranges, and Rover's 800 series models have also suffered equivalent falls so far this year.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer added to the gloom by loading an extra 20 per cent on tax charges for employees who use a company car, and imposing extra national insurance contributions on companies that provide vehicles.

Nine out of ten Jaguars which leave UK showrooms, for example, are bought by companies for directors and other senior employees, or are bought by the self-employed as company transport.

In a recession, one of the first financial cuts made by companies is in the area of the company car, according to the latest fleet surveys. Instead of replacing the managing director's car every two years, many are extending the replacement cycle to three or even four years.

Some executives have had to give up their cars because their companies failed to survive the recession. Receivers trying to raise cash from creditors have been flooding the auction houses with cars from company fleets, depressing second-hand values for some luxury models.

The combination of bankruptcies and high interest rates has resulted in tough times for Jaguar and other manufacturers of executive cars. Ford estimates that sales for company fleets were down by 20 per cent in May compared with the same month of 1990.

The effect of the decline is highlighted by dramatic falls in sales figures for the top selling executive cars bought in the first four months of 1991.

Granada sales were down from 11,968 to 9,428, Vauxhall's Carlton-Senator range fell from 10,196 to 7,402, and the Rover 800 series from 8,518 to 6,135. There was a more spectacular fall for the Volvo 7-series cars, traditionally a favourite with the motoring middle classes, with sales slumping from 8,374 to 1,498, although that does not take into account the introduction of the new, overlapping range of 9-series cars which may take up some of the slack.

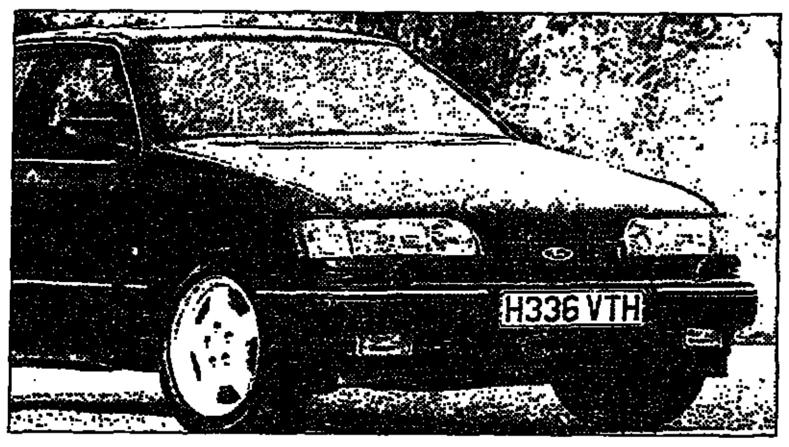
There is also increasing evidence that many traditional buyers of executive cars are deciding to choose smaller cars for the tax advantage they offer. The user of a Vauxhall Senator, now in the highest company car tax bracket, could move down to a Cavalier, for example, but enjoy the benefits of a high specification list, including air conditioning, anti-lock brakes and even four-wheel drive.

Malcolm Packer, the business development manager at Swan National, which leases 28,000 cars in Britain and has a rental fleet of 35,000 throughout Europe, says: "There is a move towards smaller cars simply to spend less on the company car. Many seem to be looking at ways of buying some of the exotic smaller cars which are on the market and spending what money they have on 'extras', which gives them a lot of equipment and a very comfortable car."

Does that mean that the big cars which have so dominated this sector in the past will eventually disappear? Almost certainly not, according to fleet companies.

Buying a Mercedes would cost a managing director an average of £10,500 a year to buy and run, according to Cowie Interleasing, a sum few companies are likely to offer as compensation.

Mr Packer believes that as soon as Britain pulls out of recession there will be the move back to the flagship cars, such as Granadas and Carltons. He says: "It will be some time before business is back to normal, but some cars bought in this range are sold to people with disposable income and when the constraints come off, they will be encouraged back into buying."



FORD GRANADA

LONG-STANDING market leader the Granada may be, but it is showing its age. The Granadas have a range of old-fashioned and lumpy engines offering performance that struggles to match that of its rivals, but the cars are well packaged, with excellent new, Ford-developed hi-fi systems.

The Granada is due for pensioning off soon, but Ford has upgraded the car through its work with Cosworth, the engine developer. The new top-of-the-range Scorpio 24v is smooth, powerful and a radical improvement on earlier Granadas. Prices range from £16,800 to £27,383.

Best buy: Granada Scorpio 24v

Price: £27,382

Engine: 2.9-litre, V6 with four valves per cylinder developed by Cosworth Engineering and producing 195 brake horsepower through four-speed automatic gearbox

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 8.2 seconds, top speed 140mph

Fuel consumption: 18.7 miles to the unleaded gallon in town

VAUXHALL CARLTON/SENATOR

THE Senator has failed to capture sales even though many experts believe it rivals Mercedes for quality and performance.

The result is that General Motors is likely to scrap the model, leaving the upper end of its executive range to Saab, its new subsidiary, and the Carlton.

The 3.0i Senators are wonderful to drive, hence the demand from police forces for the model as motorway patrol vehicles.

The Carlton is good enough to match any competition, particularly with its sports models: the Carlton GSi3000 and the astonishing 170mph Lotus Carlton.

Prices range from £15,600 for the 1.8i Carlton to £49,000 for the Lotus Carlton.

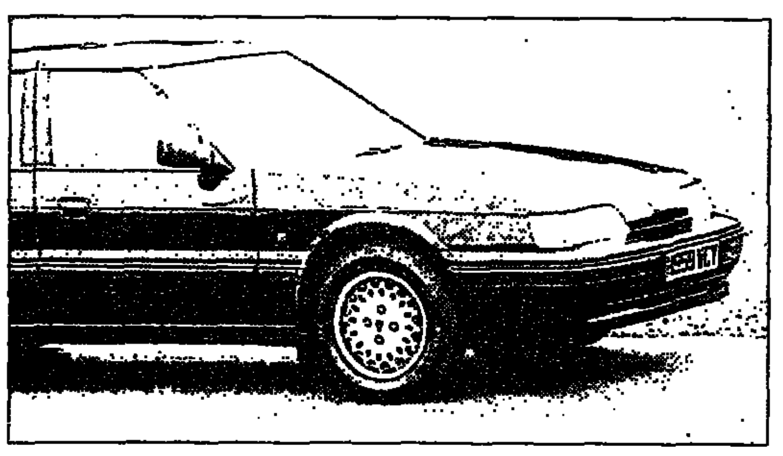
Best buy: Senator 3.0iCD 24v

Price: £27,560

Engine: 3-litre with four valves for each of six cylinders in line producing 204 brake horse power

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 7.8 seconds, top speed 146mph

Fuel consumption: 19.8 miles to the unleaded gallon in town



ROVER 800 SERIES

THE series is much under-rated in spite of the excellent range of British Rover and Japanese-built Honda engines in both diesel and petrol. Reliability and build quality are often questioned, resulting in low resale values, but the 800s are still among the best executive cars to drive.

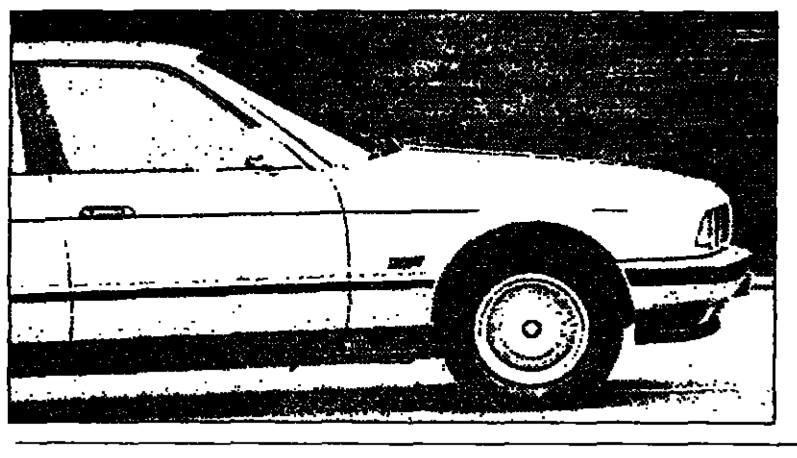
The 2-litre cars with engines from Rover's own Longbridge plant offer the best all-round package of performance and economy, making the entry level 820i look good value. Sporty drivers will, however, probably prefer the 2.7-litre Honda power pack, which gives the top-of-the-range Vitesse 140mph performance. Prices are from £17,000 to £27,561 for the Sterling.

Best buy: Rover 825D turbo Fastback

Price: £18,871

Engine: four-cylinder, 2.5-litre turbo-charged and intercooled diesel producing 118 brake horse power through five-speed manual gearbox

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 10.5 seconds, top speed 117mph and fuel consumption 33.8 miles to the gallon of diesel in town



BMW 5 SERIES

THIS is hailed as the finest saloon series in the executive class by many commentators. It is smooth, refined and spacious and, of course, carries the badge of the Bavarian company, which now has as much clout as the finest marques in the world.

These cars are dearer than their competitors. However, even at a time of generally poor sales in the executive sector, the BMW carries a premium.

An entry level 1.8-litre model is available, but it is underpowered and not as good as the rest of the series. Prices range from £17,000 to almost £46,000 for the super-powered M5. The 525i 24v has the right engine at a reasonable price.

Best buy: BMW 525i 24v

Price: £23,650

Engine: 2.5-litre, six-cylinder with four valves per cylinder producing 192 brake horse power through five-speed manual gearbox

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 9.9 seconds; top speed 140mph, fuel consumption 20.2 miles to the unleaded gallon around town

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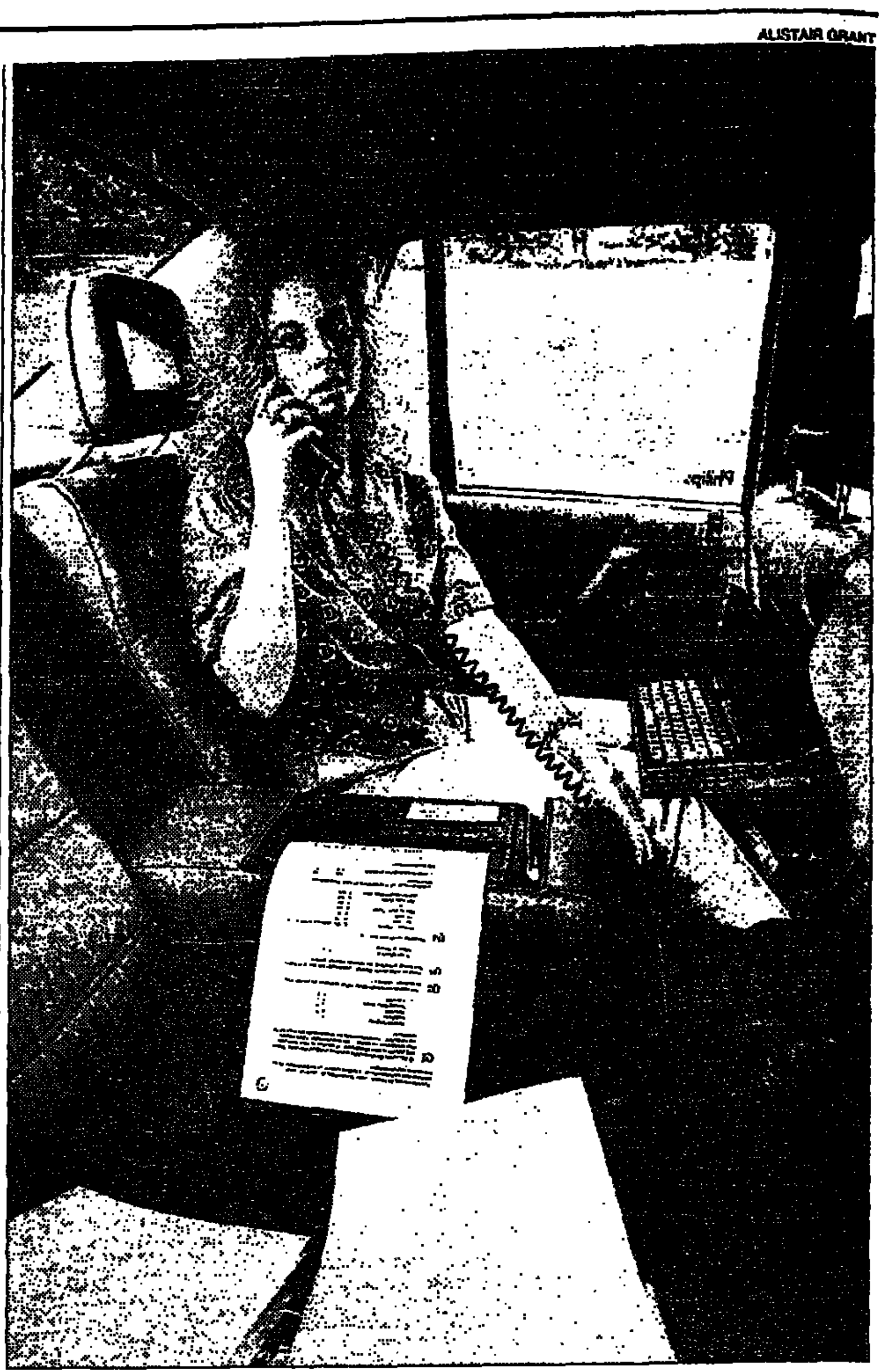


On the move: phones, faxes and photocopiers are planned for the travelling executive

Electronic wizardry to keep the driving executive in touch with Europe

The executive of tomorrow will have worldwide link-ups in his self-navigating car

An executive car costing £30,000 might seem a wasted asset if you are stuck in traffic miles from your office and feeling out of touch. The much hyped answer of the in-car phone is plagued by stories of interrupted calls anywhere near the M25, and even when it is working perfectly it does little to relieve the frustrations of the car-bound *(Vaughan Freeman writes).*

However, the mobile office that works is fast becoming a reality. You will soon be able to send a fax from your car on the A1 to a client in Italy or access your London office mainframe computer while on the motorway to Munich.

Later this year the first British sections of GSM, the Global System for Mobile Communication, will be working. GSM is a pan-European network unifying the present national cellular phone networks and allowing them to "talk" to one another.

Rod Morment, the marketing manager in strategy and advance systems for the Philips electronics group, believes the network will be widely in use by late 1993 or early 1994.

He says such a network is crucial if the in-car office is to be a success once executives take advantage of the more open European market in 1993. With that in mind, Philips is developing a four-wheel "test bed" crammed with electronic wizardry, including phones, computer, fax and photocopy machine, television and video.

The car is a Vauxhall Senator. The Philips PC101 computer is in a pull-down flap in the back of the passenger's seat. Pull down the rear seat arm rest and out comes the Ricoh fax machine, running off the car's 12-volt system. This machine doubles as a photocopier.

The phone is in the driver's central console. Numbers can be dialled by passengers in the back, or by a driver using key pads built into the steering wheel. The television set, when not in use, can be stowed in the glove box. A video recorder can be attached to the set.

All of this is useless if the car's occupants are so busy sending and receiving documents or working the computer that they cannot find their way. Philips is therefore developing Carin (Car Information and Navigation System). On-board navigation systems developed so far require the driver to take his eyes off the road to glance at a dashboard-mounted map showing where he is and where he should be going. Carin will talk to the driver, telling him when to turn left or right, so making the system easier and safer to use.

Stuart Harris, Vauxhall's marketing and product planning executive, says: "The car has been on trial with some of our people. What has impressed and surprised them most has been the effectiveness of the fax machine."

The equipment will add between £5,000 and £7,000 to the cost of a car, but Vauxhall is confident about its possibilities. Mr Harris says: "This sort of thing is the way things are going. Why have a £30,000 vehicle sitting around most of the day doing nothing, when you can use it as an extension to your office?"

Mr Morment says: "Depending on the software equipment, it is possible to access your company's mainframe computer to key in orders or call up information, access the stock exchange, or whatever."

Computer security is a problem. Because links from the car rely on cellular phone technology, hackers could break into sensitive commercial networks through the car-phone link. In addition, the equipment has to be installed out of sight, partly so that passing thieves are not attracted and partly to comply with safety rulings on protruding surfaces and corners in car interiors. This requirement increases installation costs.

The scientists are also wondering how much electronic wizardry a car can take. An ordinary Vauxhall Senator already contains three computers looking after the suspension and engine management. Adding more may overload a car's circuits.

Mr Morment says that Philips needs to find out whether people need and want the equipment, and whether it is usable.

The advances so far are just the beginning, and the existing test vehicle is aimed at the chauffeur-driven limousine occupied by a senior executive, perhaps with a secretary, working the computer technology on the way to or from a meeting.

The next step will be satellite link-ups, allowing communications anywhere in the world, Mr Harris says.

The battle between little and large

The accountant may want cheap cars to beat the taxman but prestige and snob value dictates big cars in the executive car park

The company car park reveals even more accurately than salary levels, or expense allowances, who is who in the hierarchy. In the space reserved for the chairman and his, or her, fellow executives, prestige and status are most obviously displayed *(Vaughan Freeman writes).*

This is super-car territory: vehicles can cost £30,000 or more, and competition among manufacturers is increasingly bitter as executive car sales continue to fall.

All but one of the manufacturers targeting the executive sector has seen sales collapse. Sales of Jaguar, the traditional chairman's car, have halved, as have those of Rolls-Royce. Other manufacturers are down by between 30 and 40 per cent.

The exception is Alfa Romeo's 164 Twin Spark, which was voted *What Car?* executive car of the year for 1991 but has been ignored by many executives. Yet sales are up, from 400 in the first four months of 1990, to 600 for the same period this year.

With a highest price of £18,911, the Alfa Romeo is under the £19,250 threshold over which government taxes increase, and its 1,962cc engine is under the 2-litre tax threshold. *What Car?* says of the Alfa Romeo: "Given the choice between it and anything else in the same market for the same money, there's nothing to touch it."

But Alex D'Adda, the managing director of Lease Contracts, says: "The 164 is a lovely motor car, yet we do very few of them. The British, perhaps, are suspicious of Italian motorcars, for whatever reasons. Yet this is a car that is well-behaved and drivers certainly like them. It seems either you are an Alfa person or you are not."

At the heart of the Alfa's low sales, despite its critical acclaim, is the key to executive car-buying: snobbery. Mr D'Adda says: "With company cars, particularly the executive models, there is no doubt that status matters."

Although there is pressure from company accountants to squeeze their executives into smaller "tax breaker" vehicles, Mr D'Adda, says: "You are not going to get a Jaguar-driving executive, or chairman, into a small 3 series BMW unless it is something like a 325, but then you instantly lose all the tax advantages."

The executive sector is not experiencing a collapsing market, but one that has gone into deep freeze. Most businesses with company cars lease or rent them.

Smaller cars could prove the success of the year because the economic pressures are unlikely to lessen, says Mike Gunnel, the editor of *Fleet News*, the company car weekly. "More people are going further down the car size range, and switching from vehicles such as Granadas and Carltons," he says.

One of the main problems with such cars is that they depreciate fast, losing 60 per cent in value in the first two years. The second-hand market is wary of them because the new buyer, possibly a private motorist, finds fuel, insurance, servicing and the cost of spare parts prohibitive.

The classic example of a maker trying to win executive drivers with smaller models is BMW, sales of whose big 7 and 5 series ranges have declined. BMW's new 3 series was launched in April to universal acclaim.

A sub 2-litre version costing less than £19,250 (the range costs from £14,500 to £24,000), offers all the status of larger-engined, more expensive cars, while giving the company accountant the satisfaction of keeping cash out of the Chancellor's pocket.

An indication of the car's success is that while BMW sold 9,000 old-shape 3 series in the first four months last year, the new model helped keep total 3 series sales for the same period this year at 8,338. This is a slide of about 9 per cent in a market down 23 per cent overall.

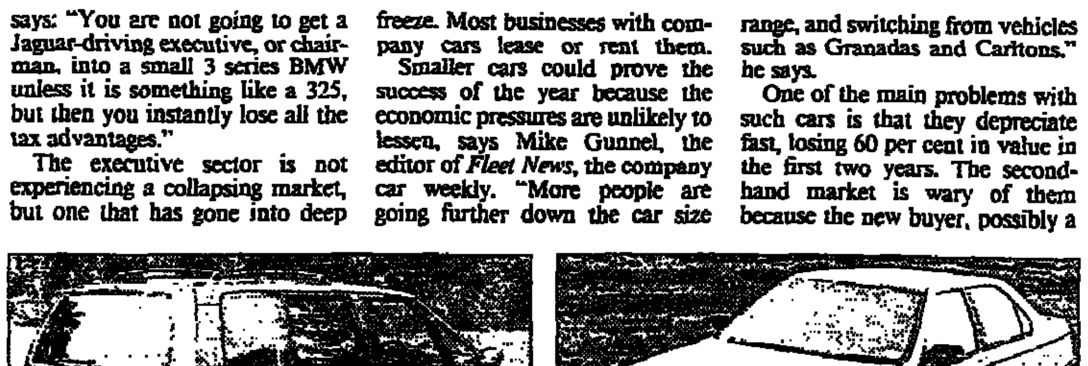
Mr Gunnell says of the BMW 3 series: "It is tax and fuel efficient, something that has to be borne in mind now there is national insurance contribution levied on fuel. The car is still a classic, with good looks and handling, and good resale value."

Two or three BMW 3 series will buy you a Toyota Lexus LS 400. At the chairman's end of the boardroom range, the Lexus has already been declared *What Car?* luxury car for 1991.

While the Lexus still lacks the history and prestige of Jaguar or Mercedes-Benz, *What Car?* says of the Japanese offering: "Wonderful to look at . . . it has one of the smoothest-running engines ever made. Suspension of equal sophistication gives the Lexus a ride as smooth as a Jaguar's, handling as alert as a BMW's and steering that's better than both."

The Renault Espace offer individuality and superb internal versatility, seating up to seven. A four-wheel drive version is expected soon. The average Espace driver is 42 years old, has a family of 4.4 people, is in the professions and earns about £39,000 a year.

Espace prices range from £16,940 to £23,400, with a 2-litre or 2.9-litre V6 engine. Its seating configuration means it can double as a boardroom on wheels.



Two for the road: the "individual" Renault Espace, and Alfa Romeo's "lovely" 164 Twin Spark

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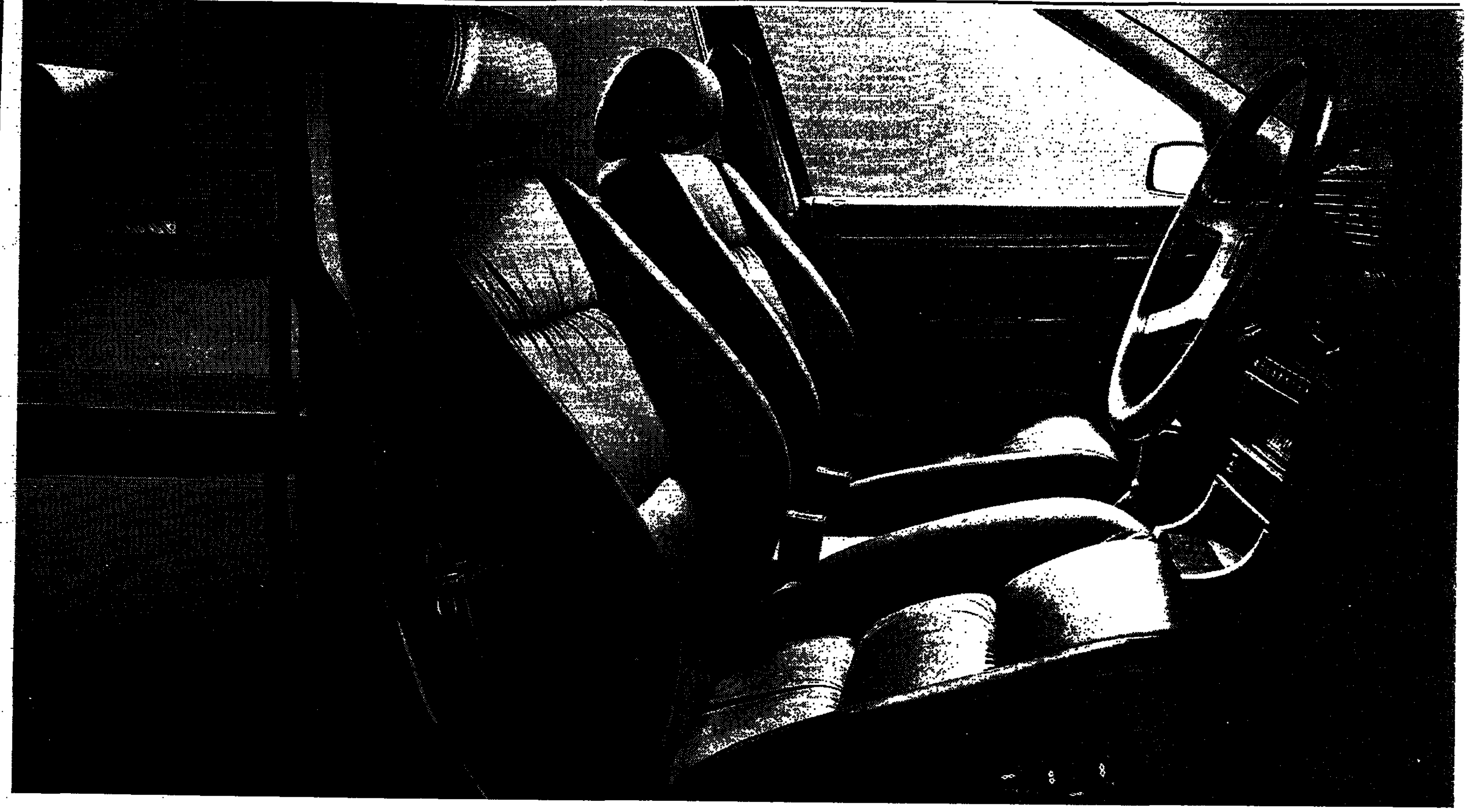

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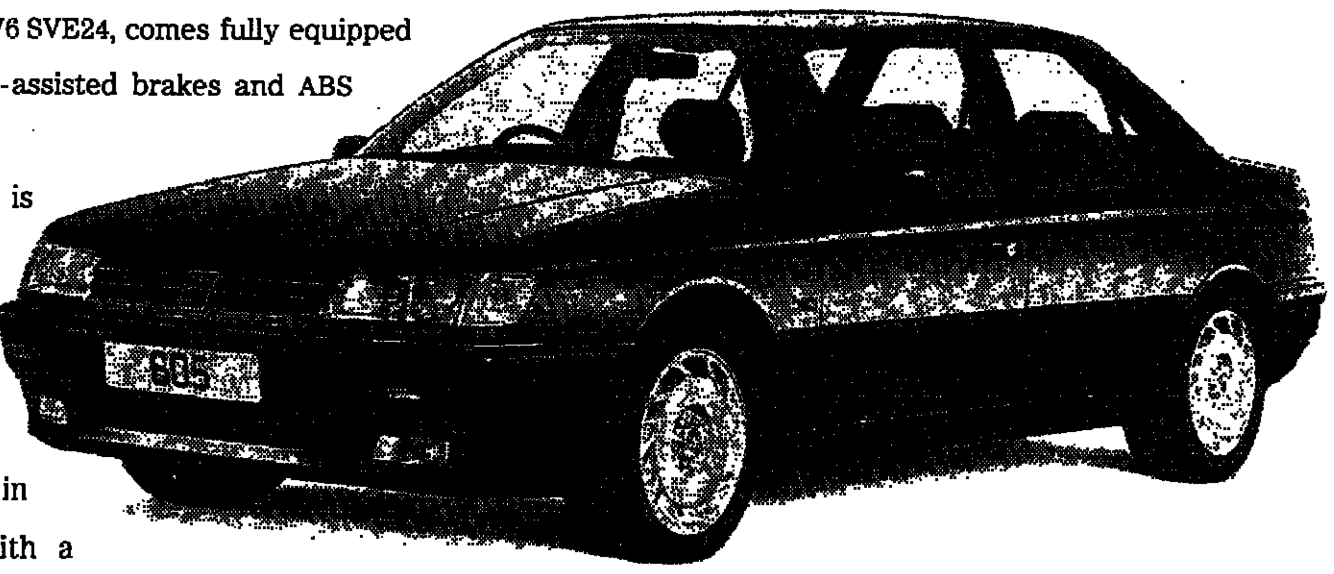

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Fleets get a rough ride from Budget

Company cars have been hit hard by the Chancellor but heavily taxed executives want to keep their perks, **Rodney Hobson** writes

Panic has given way to grim determination among the fleet car managers of Britain. Despite a bashing in successive Budgets, they believe there will continue to be a place for the executive car.

One of the reasons is that many prestige vehicles have been hard won and executives are reluctant to let them go. Similarly, the car fleet operators have built up a sophisticated package, and the finance has been tailor-made to individual client companies, which they can adapt to the changing times.

A scaling-down to smaller models and running cars for longer, rather than wholesale fleet management changes, has meant that any cuts in executive models are coming slowly.

Geoff Cobley, the managing director of Fleet Management Services, says: "What has changed, and will continue to do so, is that drivers of executive cars doing low mileages will find the company car less attractive.

"If they do higher mileages, there is a place in the company for the executive car."

The direction to go may depend on the individual driver's personal tax position and there could be further changes in next year's Budget.

Tony Le Fevre, the managing director of Auto-Mek, which specialises in maintaining and repairing car fleets, says many of the companies with which he has talks are thinking of giving or selling the cars to their employees.

"It all turns on the mileage and the marginal rate of tax of the employees," he says. "If they do less than 4,000 miles a year on business it is better to let them buy the car and pay them more. It is a bit of a minefield and I do not think anybody has got the definitive answer."

This widespread uncertainty in the car fleet service sector is the factor that will encourage companies to hang on to their executive cars for the time being.

One supplier says: "A number of companies rushed around looking quite vigorously at the possibility of offering a substantial cash allowance as a replacement for an executive car.

"There are problems with the VAT man, national insurance and the taxman. There are still some weighty issues to be settled and it is now regarded as imprudent to offer a cash alternative while these issues remain unresolved."

VAT is seen as the biggest stumbling block. As fleet managers understand the position, if some employees take a cash option, VAT immediately becomes payable on the remaining fleet.

One fleet manager says: "If there are 500 cars in the fleet and one employee takes cash, then the VAT that has to be paid will be the scale charge times 17.5 per cent on 499 cars. On executive cars that comes to a lot of money. Customs and Excise says that the company is now offering a service to the 499 remaining car users.

"The three departments — Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise and national insurance — have not got their acts together. The best advice is to sit on your hands for the time being."

The social status of a company car, especially an executive one, is another reason for maintaining the status quo. Fleet operators believe that inertia, plus snobbery, will be powerful factors in favour of the executive fleet car, particularly while executives are under fire for taking large pay increases.

Another uncertainty discouraging hasty action is the political one: who will win the next general election? The company car came into its own when Labour was in power and high top tax rates set employers looking for tax-free ways of rewarding staff.

One fleet supplier says: "If Labour gets in again and introduces a top tax rate of 60 per cent, all the good reasons for the company car may return. If I were a fleet manager looking at opinion polls I am sure I would not make a move now."

Such hopes may prove short-lived. Mr Le Fevre says: "The pressures on company cars are becoming more acute, whatever the government. When the last Labour government was in power we did not have the environment debate, and the debate on office perks has run on since then. In any case, a Labour government is not going to go easier on company cars than a Conservative one."

Driven to despair

THE government has little or no understanding of the view of the motor industry or its people, say leading fleet sales executives. The general mood is that once recession and the Chancellor have done their work, the company car market will never be the same again *(writes John Blauth, editor of* Company Car*)*.

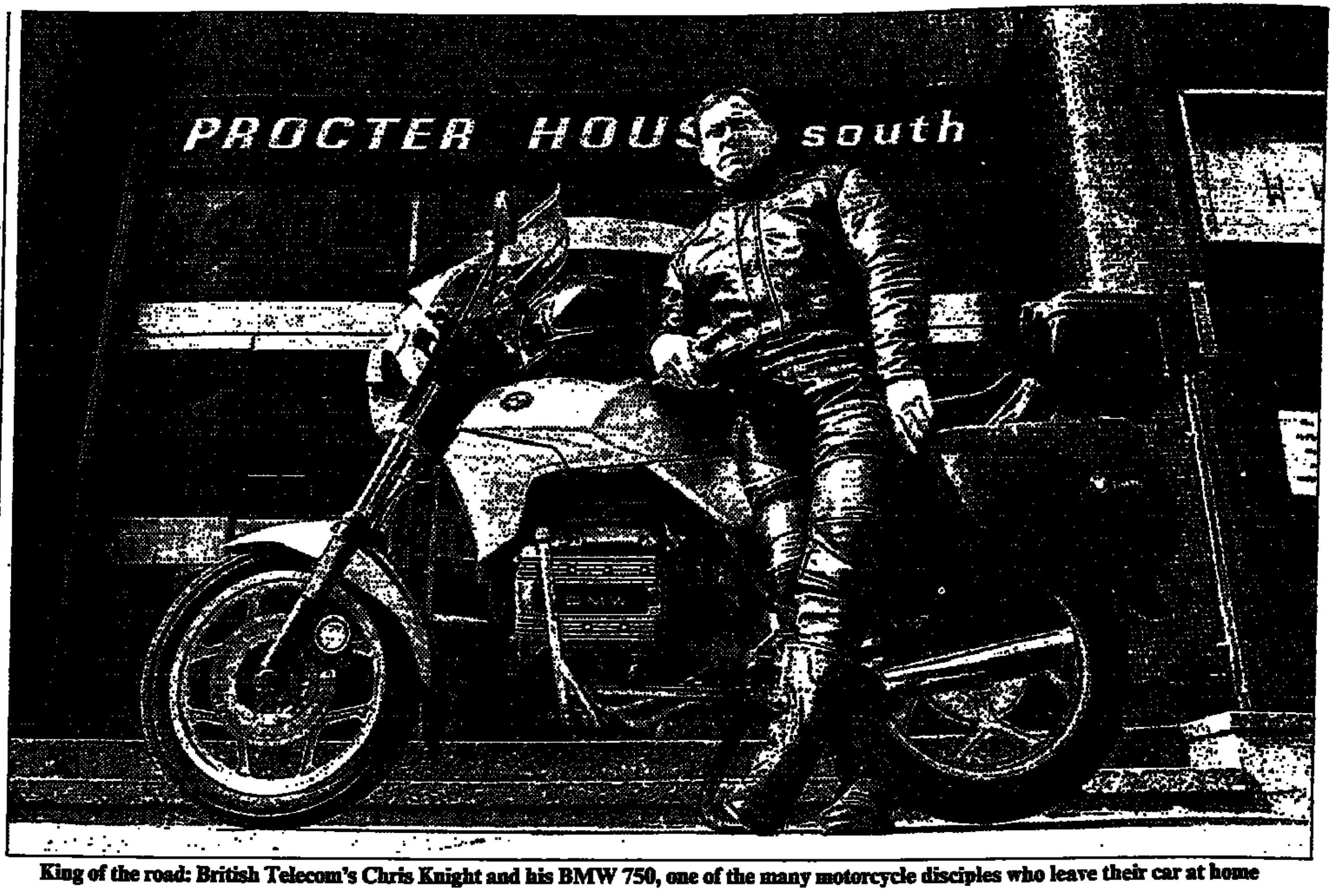
"The government is unwilling to change the structure of its plans and sees company cars as revenue earners and nothing else," says Colin Breathwick, the fleet sales director of Ford Motor Company.

Despite the hurdles put in the way of running a company car, Mr Breathwick says they are now part of the remuneration package for executives, a system which will be hard to change.

One effect of the recent Budget and the present recession is to force economies on employers, and company cars are an obvious area to trim.

Equally, environmental issues are in people's minds. Many fleet management companies report demands from drivers for cars that are more environmentally desirable. The company car is still a large benefit to the employee but as a status indicator it is losing its importance, which will cause the large car market in Britain to shrink for some time.

MICHAEL POWELL



King of the road: British Telecom's Chris Knight and his BMW 750, one of the many motorcycle disciples who leave their car at home

Two wheels are streets ahead

Motorcycles are an enjoyable solution to commuting problems, **Ronald Faux** writes

The frustrations of traffic jams, overcrowded trains and rising fares are turning more commuters to the nimble economy of motorcycling.

Beneath the leathers of many a motorcyclist may be found the pin stripes of a lawyer, accountant, stockbroker or company executive who has despaired of the daily battle of getting to the office by car or public transport.

Some have argued for a company motorcycle in preference to a company car, which increasingly attracts the attention of the taxman and is becoming less of a perk. A motorcycle costing £6,000 will give the performance of a Porsche but, unlike a car, will be regarded as a company asset by the taxman. The VAT on motorcycles can be reclaimed by the company, a privilege not shared by cars.

However, it is the practical benefits of saved time and season ticket costs that most impress. Many motorcyclists report getting to work in half the time for less than half the cost.

"I am a born-again biker," says Chris Knight, aged 43, a commercial manager with British Telecom, who commutes into London from Godalming, Surrey, on a 750cc BMW. "I rode a 600cc Norton in my teens but got back into bikes in the last couple of years for the pleasure of riding them again.

"Then the cost of a season ticket became more and more expensive and the train journey worse and worse. I had this powerful bike sitting in the garage used only at weekends, so I began travelling to the office on it. Only heavy snow is likely to stop me now. With modern motorcycle clothing and heated handlebars, wet and cold are not a problem."

Technical improvements to motor cycles have made them more attractive. Push-button electric starts long ago replaced the kick-start required to bring life to a reluctant engine that habitually leaked oil. Disc brakes give powerful control, steering and handling are well balanced and the aerodynamic design of modern motorcycles and fairings protect the rider from the cold.

"Quality clothing is money well spent," Mr Knight says. "My leathers cost about £500 and I keep two or three business suits, a pair of shoes and a clean shirt and tie at the office. Every morning there is a quick transformation that startles the doorkeeper if I dash in wearing motorcycle leathers and dash out again a few minutes later to a meeting dressed in a suit."

What appeals to him most is the control that motorcycling gives. "My frame of mind, both at work and when I get home in the evening, is considerably improved," he says. "When I leave the office I determine my rate of progress, not some guard who has failed to turn up at Waterloo and delayed the train for 20 minutes, or some malfunction on the line that nobody will tell you about."

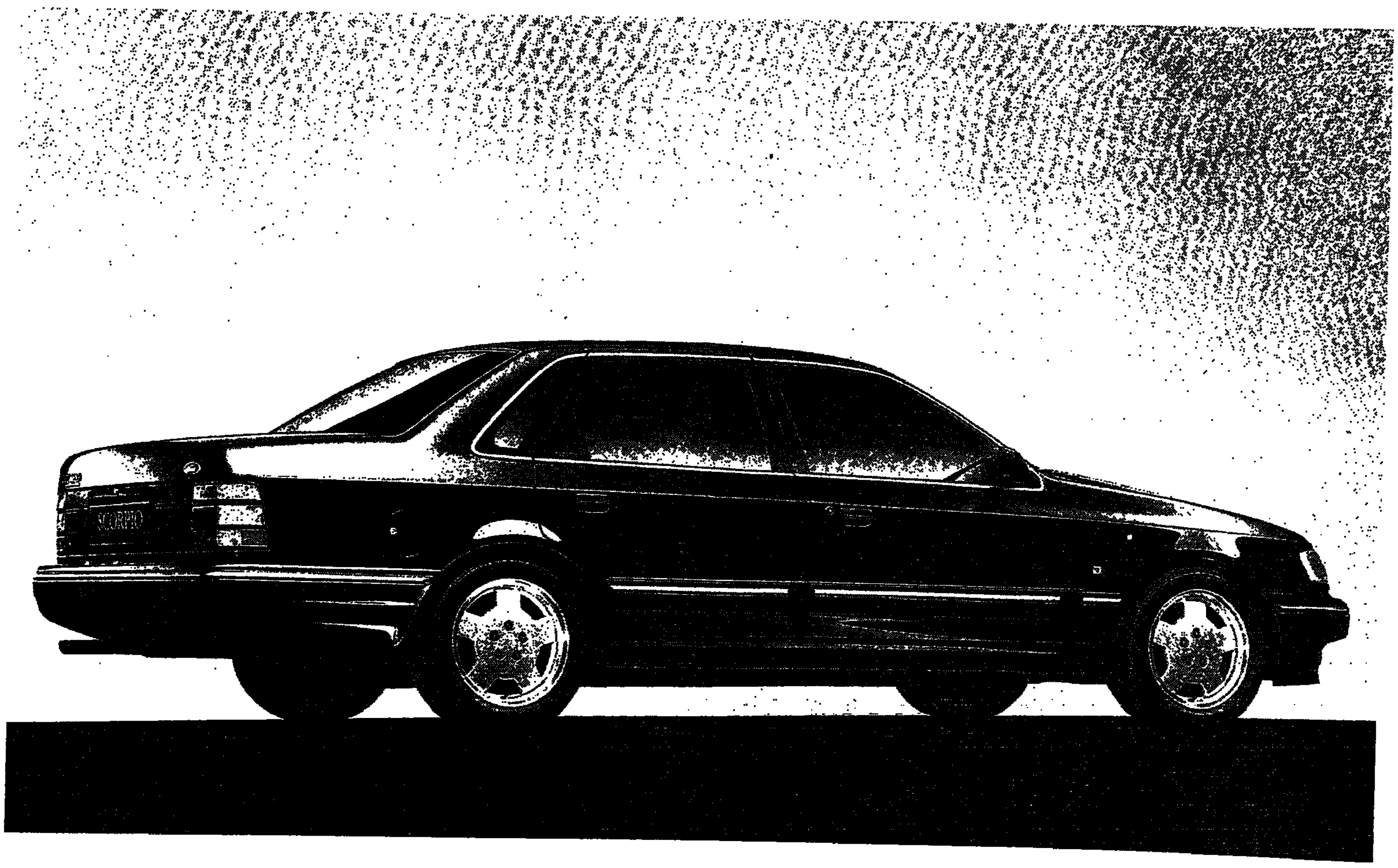
The disadvantages of motorcycling are the extra risk and vulnerability to accidents. Mr Knight qualified with the Institute of Advanced Motor Cyclists, which taught him how to handle traffic conditions and aggressive behaviour from motorists who object to being overtaken.

The institute teaches defensive driving and points to the recent sharp improvement in motorcycle safety against a worsening car accident record.

Peter Parvin, a litigation lawyer, who commutes to London on two wheels from Guildford, Surrey, says: "Some drivers are very anti-motorcycles. One once tried to force me into the path of oncoming traffic. You have to live with it and anticipate what people are going to do."

His company car rests in the garage during the week and he rides to work on a BMW 1,000cc machine. The difference between petrol costs and the price of a British Rail season ticket saves him £40 a week.

The pleasure and peace of mind that motorcycling gives him, he says, are something on which a cost cannot be put. Indeed, perhaps the greatest temptation a biker should avoid is looking smug as his machine glides to the head of a long line of traffic and draws alongside frustrated drivers.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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
378.7m	Warburg SG	445	●−4	21.3	4.8	11.0
80.3m	Do 8% 'A'	153	+4	8.0	5.2	..
2,944.8m	Wells Fargo	£57¼	+3⅝	..	..	..
2,336.0m	Westpac	189	●−12	..	..	..
28.0m	Wintrust	343	−1	11.9	3.5	9.3

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,784.7m	Allied-Lyons	549	●+4	25.1	4.6	14.6
4,157.0m	Bass	974	r −17	44.4	4.6	10.1
148.7m	Boddington	148	−4	8.0	5.4	11.3
129.4m	Bulmer (H P)	245	..	10.6	4.3	18.6
28.7m	Burtonwood Brew	138	−1	5.3	3.8	12.9
108.3m	Devenish (JA)	211	−8	7.3	3.5	15.5
——	Fosters Brewing Gp	67	..	..	..	..
7,662.2m	Grand Met	759	−15	28.3	3.7	18.7
369.6m	Greenall Whit	337	● ..	13.9	4.1	13.0
182.4m	Greene King	438	−10	13.6	3.1	15.6
8,659.7m	Guinness	980	+5	25.0	2.6	15.1
39.6m	Hardys & Hansons	£9⅞	..	44.7	4.5	12.1
325.1m	Highland Dist	261	..	6.6	2.5	18.8
209.5m	Invergordon Dist	160	+6	6.7	4.2	13.2
71.6m	Mansfield	455	+1	15.3	3.4	11.9
173.2m	Marston Thompson	197	..	5.8	2.8	16.0
35.2m	Matthew Clark	389	−5	18.0	4.6	13.5
33.0m	Morland	325	●−8	8.8	2.7	16.0
2,495.8m	SA Breweries	623	●+35	..	..	..
1,548.0m	Scot & New	389	−9	18.2	4.7	14.0
312.1m	Vaux Grp	228	●+1	11.8	5.2	11.3
2,175.4m	Whitbread 'A'	507	●−4	21.7	4.3	10.7
218.8m	Do 'B'	£13⅛	●−⅛	21.7	1.6	27.9
328.5m	Wolvrhmptn & D	499	●+2	12.9	2.6	14.1
13.4m	Young 'A'	463	●+3	17.3	3.7	18.3

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
21.3m	Abbey	55	..	..	..	..
431.7m	Amec	215	r −5	13.5●	6.3	10.5
15.6m	Anglia Sec	47	..	..	..	..
——	Arncliffe	..	..	2.0†	..	..
402.4m	Atwoods	209	−4	6.5	3.1	18.2
568.3m	BPB Ind	210	+2	15.0	7.1	9.0
37.2m	Baggeridge Brick	94	..	4.2	4.5	11.1
3,135,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	30	+2	1.5	5.0	3.1
203.9m	Barratt Devs	113	+4	12.0	10.6	11.9
506.4m	Beazer PLC	178	+5	10.3	5.8	10.3
66.8m	Bellway	232	●+4	14.7	6.3	13.2
2,990,000	Bellwinch	9	−1	..	..	..
209.1m	Berkeley Gp	340	−7	6.0	1.8	12.3
21.4m	Bett Bros	145	●−7	8.5	6.9	10.6
28.7m	Blockleys	117	● ..	6.4	5.5	13.7
1,357.7m	Blue Circle	241	●+3	15.0	6.2	10.6
29.8m	Boot (Henry)	383	−4	33.3	8.7	10.5
28.4m	Breedon PLC	100	−4	6.1	6.1	10.3
21.6m	Br Dredging	126	+1	9.9	8.0	9.5
286.2m	Bryant	111	+4	6.4	5.8	17.3
33.5m	CALA	95	..	4.5	4.7	12.5

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1332m	Treas 8% 1991	98⅝●	..	8.1	..
989m	Treas C 10% 1991	99⅞●	..	10.0	..
1550m	Exch 11% 1991	100	..	11.0	..
2194m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99¾	..	11.8	..
475m	Treas 3% 1992	95●	..	3.2	..
1520m	Treas 8% 1992	98	..	8.2	..
1594m	Treas 10% 1992	99⅝	..	10.0	..
1292m	Treas C10½% 1992	100	..	10.5	..
1378m	Exch 12¼% 1992	102	..	12.0	..
754m	Treas 12¾% 1992	101¼	..	12.6	..
1824m	Exch 13½% 1992	103⅝	−⅛	13.0	..
556m	Fund 6% 1993	93	−¼	6.4	..
774m	Treas 8¼% 1993	96¾	..	8.5	..
1840m	Treas 10% 1993	99½	..	10.1	..
1144m	Treas 12½% 1993	104●	..	12.0	..
1140m	Treas 13¾% 1993	107	−¼	12.8	..
1721m	Treas 8½% 1994	95⅝	−⅛	8.9	..
1535m	Treas 9% 1994	95⅞	−⅛	9.4	..
1598m	Treas 10% 1994	99⅛●	−¼	10.1	..
1307m	Exch 12½% 1994	105⅝	−¼	11.9	..
1182m	Exch 13½% 1994	107¾	−¼	12.8	..
802m	Treas 14½% 1994	109½	−⅛	13.2	..
186m	Gas 3% 1990-95	87¼	−¼	3.4	..
2068m	Exch 10¼% 1995	99⅝	−⅛	10.3	..
2458m	Treas 12% 1995	104⅝	−⅛	11.5	..
906m	Treas 12¾% 1995	107⅞	−⅛	11.8	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
719m	Treas 9% 1992-96	95⅞	−¼	9.4	..
1068m	Conv 10% 1996	98¼	−⅛	10.2	..
678m	Exch 13¼% 1996	109¾	−½	12.1	..
859m	Treas 14% 1996	111⅝	−½	12.5	..
1345m	Treas 15¼% 1996	117	−⅛	13.0	..
3319m	Treas 8¾% 1997	92½	−½	9.5	..
3095m	Exch 10½% 1997	99¾	−⅛	10.5	..
1427m	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅝	−½	12.0	..
985m	Exch 15% 1997	118⅝	−⅛	12.8	..
843m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	84¼	−⅛	8.0	..
2982m	Exch 9¾% 1998	96¼	−⅛	10.1	..
5137m	Exch 12% 1998	106⅝	−½	11.3	..
1154m	Treas 15½% 1998	123⅝	−⅛	12.6	..
1168m	Treas 9½% 1999	95¼	−½	10.0	..
1519m	Conv 10¼% 1999	98½	−⅛	10.4	..
1246m	Treas 10½% 1999	99¾	−⅛	10.5	..
3132m	Exch 12¼% 1999	108	−⅛	11.3	..
2631m	Conv 9% 2000	91⅞	−⅛	9.8	..
2048m	Treas 13% 2000	112⅞●	−⅛	11.5	..
695m	Conv 9¾% 2001	86⅝	..	11.2	..
2327m	Treas 10% 2001	96⅝	−⅛	10.3	..
1113m	Treas 14% 1998-01	114¾	−⅛	12.2	..
72m	Exch 9% 2002	81½	..	11.0	..

WATER

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
301.7m	Northumbrian	308	..	21.4	6.7	4.8
1,014.1m	North West	285	−16	24.0	6.8	6.5
912.4m	Severn Trent	268	−23	19.8	6.0	5.7
419.1m	Sthrn Water	250	−19	20.0	6.1	7.0
333.7m	South West	273	−20	26.7	7.8	5.2
1,144.9m	Thames Water	298	−8	23.3	6.3	7.3
449.5m	Welsh Water	312	−18	22.4	5.9	6.2
332.4m	Wessex Water	324	−6	20.3	5.2	7.6
616.1m	Yorkshire Water	318	−8	23.6	6.2	7.3
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Are national curriculum assessments the way forward in primary school teaching? A leading educationalist and the minister put opposing cases

Scrap tests, let schools decide

The present system, if amended, will work

David Hart says

The assessment of seven-year-olds in the national curriculum, which has so disrupted primary schools this term, is only part of a progressive system of achieving set levels of attainment. It is not a pass/fail test.

Progress has already been made towards satisfying any reasonable demand for reliability and consistency. We have a statutory national curriculum with its controlling framework of attainment targets and programmes of study, teacher assessments against all these targets, and an annual report to parents.

There is also an important monitoring check, namely that by the schools and class teachers who assume responsibility for the children in the following academic year. They will not wish to accept, nor will they tolerate, results passed to them that are inaccurate and do not allow them to plan sensibly the progression of the children to the next levels of attainment.

Headteachers accept the need for assessment results to be reliable and consistent, as well as credible with parents, society at large and the government, but believe that the long and complicated statutory assessment tests (Sats), which are supposed to reinforce teacher assessments, do not work and must be substantially altered. Worse, they cause disruption to the teaching process.

The National Association of Headteachers argues that given the controls already in place, a system whereby teacher assessment is reasonably validated is all that is needed. Such a system could be based on the following:

- Early in the two-year cycle leading to assessment, all teachers would be trained by local authority moderators to understand the performance required for the achievement of the levels in each of the attainment targets, together with the authority's own monitoring procedures. The moderators would be heads, deputies or teachers selected and trained by the authority. The National Curriculum Council and the School Examinations and Assessment Council would also have to make the statements of attainments more precise, thereby reducing the need for elaborate standardisation or extensive training.
- Each school would set up an assessment validation committee, which would consist of the head, the deputy, and two teachers, at least one member concerned with the assessment and one not.
- The committee would establish procedures for periodical monitoring of teacher assessment throughout the two years leading to assessment. These procedures could include reporting to the governing body and the local authority moderator.

Validation of the teacher assessments would contain three elements. First, the validation committee would see that, at appropriate points on a sample basis of both pupils and attainment targets, some non-statutory Sats were used to verify the teacher assessments.

Second, the committee would moderate the final teacher assessments presented by May 31 each year, having first introduced a system of internal checks between all the teachers concerned within the school or cluster of schools.

Third, the committee would present the results of the internal moderation to a local authority moderator, who would be able to apply further screening and thus provide external validation.

This would also produce a consistency of approach and interpretation throughout the authority. The cost of such a system could be significantly less than that of Sats. The release of teachers as now, to undertake local authority moderation would be reduced by the internal moderation, externally validated.

This solution would not disrupt the teaching process or damage the educational progress of children at a crucial stage in their school careers.

Above all, we would have an accurate and reliable system of teacher assessments that would be accountable to local authorities, governing bodies and parents.

● *The author is the general secretary of the National Association of Headteachers*

Timothy Eggar: "Some form of national testing must stay"

Quest for quality in the classroom

National standards, Timothy Eggar says, are vital to raise achievements

Our education reforms are all about raising standards. We need the right tools to do this. We have the national curriculum, so that we know that every pupil will study a broad curriculum of good quality.

But, we must ensure that this curriculum is being learnt to an appropriate standard: a high standard, which stretches and rewards young people. We need to test how well pupils are learning, and we need to test against nationally established standards.

Testing itself is nothing new. Many schools throughout the country have routinely tested pupils to make sure they are learning what they are being taught, to measure achievement and identify weaknesses.

The difference is that we have nationally agreed benchmarks against which to measure pupils' achievements so that achievement in one school really does mean the same anywhere else in the country, at any level, for children aged from five to 16 years.

The government and teachers alike know that moving from theory to practice is not easy. We have only to look at this year's reading test for seven-year-olds to see how difficult this can be.

One option was a straightforward test of a child's ability to read a short, previously unseen passage. But many classroom teachers said that a test which only measured a child's decoding skills (to use the jargon) was too limited. They argued that we needed to test comprehension of a passage drawn from a book.

As a result, the reading test that was devised, while offering a comprehensive measure of a child's reading and comprehension ability, was unmanageable in the classroom.

Reports reaching me suggest that it took anything between 20 and 50 minutes to assess each child, putting strain on teachers and other pupils.

We have to look at this issue again to devise a test that gives useful information on the individual pupil and is manageable in the classroom.

Clearly, the government has not got it right yet. There is a strong case for simplifying the assessment tasks even further, and we are considering how best to do this for 1992.

We will be slimming down the targets in mathematics and science and we have proposed a more flexible timetable for assessment. When we have the results of the evaluation of this year's tests of seven-year-olds, and the feedback from regional conferences to be held across the country, we will consider further changes.

We are considering the format of the tests, but we will not abandon them. There is no other option which, in our view, has the potential to be both manageable and give an accurate picture of the achievement of all young people under the national curriculum.

Some headteachers think that a teacher assessment can give reliable information, provided it is cross-checked by external validation. Such a system would rely on teachers from other schools acting as moderators, taken away from their own classrooms to shuttle from school to school.

This is a painfully slow process and would give only results which checked the teacher — not the progress of the pupil — and does not tell us who is to moderate the moderator. I am convinced that there has to be a national benchmark against which we can all, from parents to government, judge the teacher's asessment of our children.

Neither government nor parents can rely on the scrutiny of one teacher by another without checks and balances which would make the present tests look like a piece of cake. Some form of national testing must stay.

The challenge for all of us in education is to make the tests for seven-year-olds more manageable for teachers in the classrooms, while ensuring that they are fair for individual pupils throughout the country. This is the only way we can establish national standards, and raise achievement of all youngsters throughout the country.

● *The author is the education and science minister.*

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Children's libraries need books, not novel approaches

Without reading, the minds and imaginations of youngsters will be half-fed

CHILDREN who are bookish by nature will read anyway. For most children, as for most adults, books are not central to life. So why should I worry about the inadequacy of so many of our school libraries?

Perhaps it does not matter that most of our schools have no qualified librarians, that the library is open only a few hours a day or a few hours a week, or is used as an overspill classroom. Maybe it does not matter that book stocks are meagre or out of date; or that council school library services are being cut; or that with local management of schools it will be up to headteachers to decide what they spend on the library. Books are not fashionable.

Well, does it matter? It matters desperately. This is not an idle piety. Reading shows you the mountains behind the mountains which you did not even know were there. There is no in-depth understanding of any topic without reading. Books do not only inform. Stories and poems comfort, frighten, amuse, entertain, inflame, inspire or explain. When you are adolescent, the right book — often found by chance — can change your life. Television is a diet supplement, not the main dish. Without reading, children's minds and imaginations are half-fed.

I am not being nostalgic, but looking forward. Mark Fisher, Labour's front-bench spokesman for the arts, says: "There has never been a golden age for school libraries." It is time there was, if neglect of books is not to be passed on to the next generation.

Everyone concerned with education pays lip-service to the importance of school libraries — a good thing, but we have more showy things to spend money on. The library must be the engine-room of every school, for everyone — including staff.

Some official reports advise making libraries friendly places with bright colours, pot-plants, ornaments and wall decorations. With money so tight, it is silly to spend funds on making the place look like an ambitious dentist's waiting room.

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Getting a degree, by degrees

Kenneth Clarke will be asked today to consider the regulation of the credit system. John O'Leary reports

One of the first casualties of the government's declared intention to introduce mass higher education will be the traditional three-term, three-year degree leading up to final examinations. After years of defending the British system, academics are taking a leaf out of the American universities' book, giving students the power to construct their courses and take them at their own pace.

The instrument behind this change, known in the jargon as credit accumulation and transfer, will be discussed by more than 200 academics, politicians and industrialists at the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA) today.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, might have preferred not to spend his morning at an organisation he listed for closure only three weeks ago, but he knows the importance of the subject for the government's plans. Without a more flexible system that draws in students of all types, the ambitious expansion demanded by the prime minister is unlikely to be achieved.

The government has already recognised the value of such flexibility in two higher education white papers.

Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, told a conference recently: "Credit accumulation and transfer schemes are developing at a pace. Many see them, as I do myself, as a key to increasing participation and widening access into higher education. This is an exciting development which can be adapted to suit virtually everyone who wants to continue his or her education."

In fact, the pace has quickened only recently after a number of false starts. Britain is 50 years at least behind the United States in developing academic programmes that allow students to build on courses of differing levels, move between institutions and slip into and out of formal education as personal circumstances permit.

There have been models in the Open University and at Stirling university for many years. The OU has always awarded credits for every completed part of a course, allowing students to proceed at their own pace and choose the programmes that interest them.

Even in 1979, educationalists accepted that the stepladder route advocated by Peter Toyne in the first national report on credit transfer had advantages. There were delicate issues of autonomy and the maintenance of standards, however, that few universities were prepared to consider in making the necessary changes to their academic structures.

The modular system is more easily accommodated in two semesters a year than in three terms, and assessing every unit in turn raised the spectre of more regular disruption for examinations. Transfers between institutions brought highly sensitive questions of academic equivalence, as well as bureaucratic difficulties about the amount of credit allowed for different units.

The polytechnics eventually led the way. It is no coincidence that Professor Toyne is now the director of Liverpool polytechnic, which boasts one of the most highly developed credit systems. By next year, all but three of the 32 polytechnics will organise their courses on the modular lines needed to make credits work.

Belatedly, the universities are following suit. Sheffield agreed to move over to a modular system 18 months ago, and by next year Sussex and Nottingham expect to have made the change. All but one of the dozen northern universities were making the same move when their vice-chancellors met in April. Those from the Midlands and the South have been invited to discuss the subject later this month.

Dr Gaie Davidson, of Kent university, who is carrying out a study of the universities' progress on credit transfer, says: "There was a lot of resistance to the whole concept until recently, but once you start to change the funding arrangements, people look at things more positively. Universities know that the funding council will look favourably on them doing this." Technical difficulties over funding remain, and there is some concern about students' choices of programmes adding up to a coherent degree, but the trend has been set.

The catalyst for recent developments has been the CNAA's Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (Cats), which has been taken up by companies and professional organisations as well as higher education institutions. The system, introduced in 1986, now covers 100,000 students in a variety of organisations ranging from Bristol university to the Clothing and Footwear Institute and the Rover Group.

The provision of services to companies has become the fastest-growing area of Cats' work. An in-house training scheme at IBM has been recognised as equivalent to at least a third of an honours degree in computing, allowing the company to recruit sixth-formers for a combination of training at its education centre near Southampton, work experience, and two days a week at Portsmouth polytechnic.

Other companies are running joint degree programmes with their local polytechnic or college, and last year British Telecom became the first commercial organisation to offer an in-house degree validated by the CNAA.

At the same time, regional consortiums have grown up in several parts of Britain, employers and professional bodies have begun to set up schemes, and a European network has been established. The old worries about standards have re-emerged with examples of consortiums offering higher credit ratings than their rivals in order to attract new clients.

As a result, Mr Clarke will be under pressure today to set up a national framework for credit transfer to guarantee standards and encourage further development. The CNAA already has a similar service for the accreditation of access courses for students without academic qualifications, and there has been widespread support for the establishment of a small unit to take on the larger task of assessing credits.

Mr Howarth has already given some support to the idea of a national framework, although the decision to abolish the CNAA, which ministers acknowledge as the leading authority in the field, presents obvious difficulties. While credit transfer grows, as it inevitably will now, the need for regulation of some sort will become increasingly urgent.

NOTICEBOARD

Grading protest

INSPECTORS can expect a frosty reception in schools in Wandsworth, south London, if the borough adopts a plan for teacher appraisal drawn up by the chief inspector, John Burchill. Teachers would be assessed on their classroom performance and graded in four bands, from exemplary to unsatisfactory. The bottom classification would bring a warning that their teaching was "causing serious concern".

Wandsworth teachers have already voiced their opposition, and head teachers say the scheme will set an unwelcome precedent as they are responsible for staff appraisal under the new recommendations. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said yesterday: "The idea of assessing teacher performance across a range of benchmarks is nothing new, but unless it is seen to be part of a comprehensive appraisal system and to be the reponsibility of heads, it will be regarded as a gimmick and essentially negative."

Donald Naismith, Wandsworth's education director, says the borough has not decided the final form. He says: "This is one way we could look at classroom achievement as part of an overall scheme. It is a complicated issue and we will be talking to a lot of people before finalising our plans."

More computers

THE number of computers in schools has increased significantly since 1988, according to a survey from the education department, but it is still well below the minimum requirements suggested by the parliamentary office of science and technology. Secondary schools now have, on average, 41 microcomputers, compared with 23 in 1988, and primary schools have four each, compared with 2.5. In secondary schools, the average number of pupils per computer has fallen from 32 to 18 and in primary schools from 67 to 40.

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City is shunned

MOST young student teachers training in towns and smaller cities are unwilling to take their first job in big cities, especially London, which still has serious teacher shortages, according to a school inspectors' report. The inspectors found that students who had a successful teaching experience in an inner city school were more likely to apply to work in one.

Only a few colleges offered such opportunities. The inspectors had special praise for the Urban Learning Foundation in London, which helped students from four provincial colleges to undertake their final teaching practice in east London. The report points out, however, that this is unusual and expensive.

In tune

THE music-loving Duchess of Kent (above) presented prizes to two young composers last week in a competition organised by the Choir Schools' Association. The duchess heard the works of two 14-year-olds, David Buckley, from Wells Cathedral School, and Thomas Blunt, from the King's School, Worcester, at a ceremony in Wells cathedral.

Four theatre companies are shortlisted for the £100,000 prize in the Sainsbury's Awards for Arts Education, which will be announced next week. They are L'Ouverture Theatre, London, the Major Road Theatre Company, Bradford, the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the Soho Theatre Company. An award of £50,000, five awards of £10,000, and school awards worth a minimum of £50,000, with individual prizes of £5,000 each, will also be made.

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Sánchez falls short of self-belief necessary to supply perfect day out for the Spanish cabinet

Seles strengthens her grip on the world No. 1 spot

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

NOT even the presence of most of the Spanish cabinet on centre court at Roland Garros could stop Monica Seles from successfully defending her French Open title and strengthening her hitherto precarious position at the head of the women's game.

In beating Arantxa Sánchez Vicario 6-3, 6-4 in an hour-and-a-half, Seles, who won the Australian Open title in January, completed the second leg of the grand slam and has given the Wimbledon seedings committee a ticklish problem. Can Seles, playing her third Wimbledon, logically be seeded No. 1 over the nine-times champion, Navratilova, as rankings and form would demand? The thought might induce severe vertigo in Seles, who goes into hiding over the next two weeks to practise for the grass, comforted by the fact that she has won the French without playing her best tennis.

Seles has not yet established the dominance of Graf in 1988, the year of her grand slam, but she could do so and, because the competition — at the top level, anyway — is so much tougher, the achievement would be that much greater. She has won three of the last five grand slams, three more than Graf at the same tender age of 17-and-a-half. Going on 25.

Decked out in necklace and ear-rings, courtesy of Perrier, and with her newly styled short hair, part of a $250,000 contract with Matrix, Seles 1991 is considerably more than a year older than Seles 1990 and the transformation from pony-tailed schoolgirl to made-up woman has not been altogether comfortable. Just as long as the competitive spirit is not saturated by moisturising cream, plenty more grand-slam titles await the young Yugoslav. Even the Wimbledon title is not out of reach, if the image-makers can turn a baseliner into a serve-and-volleyer with equal facility.

Seles's refusal to be beaten marked the difference between her and Sánchez on Saturday, the difference between Nos. 1 and 5 in the world. The Spaniard, a much more complete player than when she won the title in 1989, led by a break in the first set and 4-1 in the second without ever fully convincing herself that she could beat Seles for the first time. She bustled around, querying line-calls at every available moment as if looking for excuses for defeat even as victory beckoned.

Seles recovered to take the first set in 34 minutes, crucially broke back to 4-3 in the second just when she was turning her mind to a decider and then capitalised on three unforced errors by Sánchez to break again to 5-4.

The final game produced the best tennis of the match and lasted 15 minutes. Seles had four match points, Sánchez missed four points to break. "The key thing was not to get uptight. It was two points between the title and 5-5, which meant starting all over again," Seles said. A backhand into the net by Sánchez cut short the fear, added another £220,000 to the Seles bank balance and ended a disappointing away-day for the Spanish government.

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Lendl survives to retain his title

By BARRY WOOD

IVAN Lendl defeated Pat Cash 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 to retain his title at the Direct Line Insurance tournament at Beckenham yesterday. For Cash, however, the three-set final was one set too many, because he should have won comfortably in two.

He served well, earning 16 aces, and was swift to cover the net and follow up with punishing volleys, yet succumbed after nearly two-and-a-half hours.

A single break, with the benefit of a double-fault and three consecutive service-return winners, gave Cash a 2-0 lead and eventually the first set. A break in the fifth game of the second set, and a point for 4-2, should have seen him home.

Lendl, however, broke back to three games all and survived two more threats as Cash held points that would have given him service for victory at both 5-4 and 6-5.

In the final set, both players became tetchy and made more errors than before, a result of a court that produced countless bad bounces. The outcome might just as well have been decided on the toss of a coin.

However, if there are no real pointers to Wimbledon, Cash, an outsider with a world ranking of 82, may yet spark celebrations in his native Melbourne if he can maintain his present form.

RESULTS: Men: Singles: Quarter-final: I Lendl (Cz) bt J Grabb (US), 7-6, 6-1. Semi-finals: P Cash (Aus) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-3, 6-2; Lendl bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-2. Final: Lendl bt Cash, 3-6, 7-6, 7-6. Women: Singles: Final: A Strnadova (Cz) bt R Stubbs (Aus), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Doubles: Final: J-A Faull and M Jaggard (Aus) bt Y Basuki and S Wibowo (Indo), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Feeling the strain: Courier on his way to a five-set victory over Agassi in the final of the French Open at Roland Garros yesterday. Report, page 36

CYCLING

The search for a sponsor begins as Walker excels

By PETER BRYAN

THE Milk Race, which is due to lose the sponsorship of the National Dairy Council after 1992, should be around for several years beyond that, according to Alan Iveson, the managing director of Milk Marketing, a subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board (MMB).

Speaking after this year's 1,150-mile race finished in Liverpool on Saturday, Iveson said: "I am very confident that we will see it not only in 1992 and '93, but beyond," adding that the MMB is looking for a sponsor to help co-fund the race that circuits England and Wales race.

The MMB keeps its annual race budget among its "sensitive" files, but to put around 400 international riders and officials on the road for a fortnight, pay for a national police escort and offer £70,000 in prize-money would not see much — if any — change from £500,000.

This year's result produced the best overall performance by home riders since the event went am-pro in 1983. Four professionals and two amateurs filled the top six positions and there were six British stage wins, plus victory in the prologue time-trial.

The man of the race was Chris Walker, who sprinted to three stage successes, was a regular among those who gained second places and, most importantly, was the overall winner. His lead of 22sec was the narrowest winning margin for eight years. Walker appears to have gained new confidence this year, probably as a result of impressive wins in Italy, when his Banana-Falcon team were in the early stages of Milk Race preparation. He wore the race leader's yellow jersey from the first day, which featured the stage from Bridlington to Hull that determined the final outcome when he and 27 others finished 15 minutes ahead of the main field.

For the rest, the race was then over. It had become a 28-man battle and Walker, with immaculate and unselfish team support, was able to match 10[illegible] attacks along the way.

RESULTS: Twelfth stage (Manchester to Liverpool, 82.2 miles) 1, J Cooman (SEFT-Saxon, Bel), 3hr 25min 08sec, 2, C Walker (Banana-Falcon, GB), 3, J Bogaert (Collstrop-Isoglass, Bel), 4, M Walsham (GS Professionals), 5, E Baecop (Collstrop-Isoglass, Bel), 6, M van Steen (Neth), 7, F Popp (Varta-Elk, Austria), 8, A Dolgru[illegible] (USSR), 9, J Carney (US), 10, P Verbeken (Collstrop-Isoglass, Bel), all same time. Team: 1, Collstrop-Isoglass, 10:15:24, 2, Banana-Falcon, 3, New Zealand, 4, Soviet Union, 5, GB Amateurs, 6, United States, all same time.
Final overall: 1, Walker, 45:33:21, 2, [illegible] Hempsall (England Amateurs), 45:33:43, 3, [illegible] Reynolds (Banana-Falcon, GB), 45:33:46, 4, H Lodge (Collstrop-Isoglass, GB), 45:34:1[illegible], 5, R Holden (Banana-Falcon, GB), 45:34:1[illegible], 6, P Curran (England Amateurs), 45:34:[illegible]. Team: 1, Banana-Falcon, 136:31:44, 2, England Amateurs, 136:33:36, 3, Collstrop-Isoglass, 136:36:05, 4, Soviet Union, 136:37:14, 5, Czechoslovakia, 136:37:44, [illegible] Ireland, 136:42:24.
Points classification: 1, Walker, 168pts, 2, Bogaert, 112, 3, van Steen, 85. Sprints classification: 1, Walsham, 20, 2, J Hughes (GB Amateurs), 13, 3, Reynolds, 8. Combined classification: 1, Walker, 25, 2, Reynolds, 30, 3, Douce, 42.

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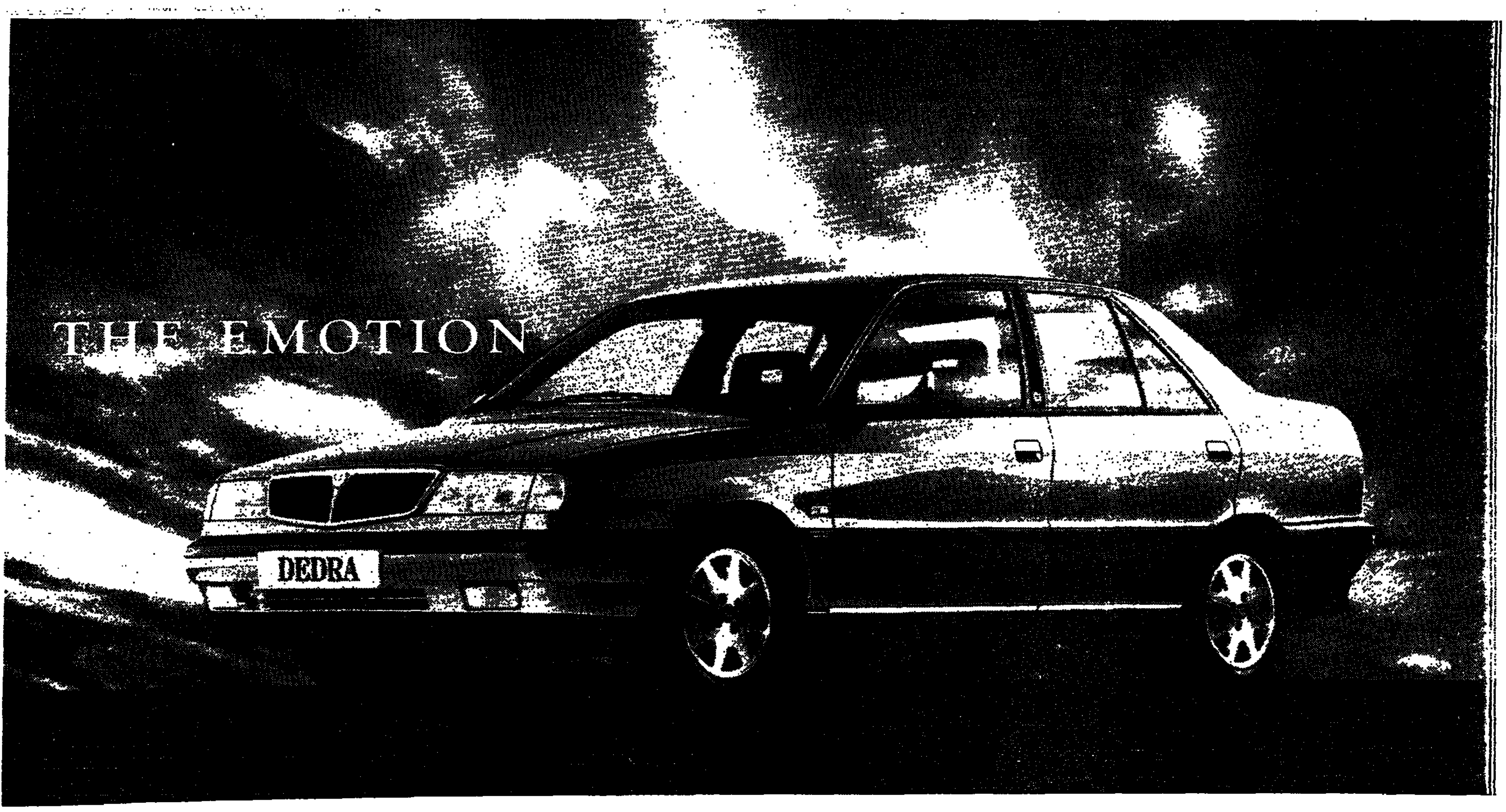

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Impressive Salako remains the third choice for England

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, KUALA LUMPUR

JOHN Salako is feeling a cold wind of reality blowing as strongly as the gales that whistled in from the Cook Strait and staight down Wellington's Athletic Park on Saturday when England beat New Zealand 2-0. Though he is the discovery of England's tour, he is still no higher than third choice on the left side of midfield.

The brightest spark in the 1-0 victories in Sydney and Auckland, albeit as a substitute, his contribution was even more spectacular when he was chosen to start for the first time. Yet, after the departure from the aptly named "windy city", the authenticity of Salako's credentials were put in perspective by Lawrie McMenemy, the assistant to the England manager.

Graham Taylor did not feel able to do so himself. Two thirds of the way through an ill-conceived journey, most of which seems to have been suspended at 35,000 feet, England's manager complained of fatigue after yet another flight. Within a few hours, the squad was to endure a 14-hour journey here.

The combination of the inordinate amount of travel, the differences in time and conditions (whereas Wellington was cool, Kuala Lumpur is sweltering), the lack of preparation and the relative weakness of the opposition has dimished the value of individual performances. They have offered Taylor no more than a vague indication of how players might fare.

Although Salako has undeniably promoted himself through his enterprise and his willingness to ignore the exhausting circumstances, he has merely attached himself to the list of preferences. McMenemy, who spoke on the manager's behalf, said that "he is not in the same class as John Barnes".

Since Salako has looked so much more lively than the other new, and indeed most of the old, boys. it might be tempting to suggest that he could soon establish himself. England's management view the prospect in a harsher light.

Apart from the appreciably more talented and experienced Barnes, he must challenge Lee Sharpe, aged 19.

"They are different players. Salako is an out-and-out winger and Sharpe is more of a left-sided midfield player. It is good to see the new wave coming through. They have both had a little taste," McMenemy said.

Sharpe made his debut as a substitute against the Republic of Ireland last March, and McMenemy pointed out that he is still young enough to qualify for the under-21 side next season. "They have both played for successful clubs but, with respect to New Zealand, the big European games Sharpe played in last season were more pressurised and he was often the one who turned them for Manchester United.

"Barnes is exceptional and I hope Sharpe is thinking this tour might knock him back a bit. It has given us a happy problem because we have got another name to play with, but the likes of Salako, Deane and Hirst are England B players."

Charles has been the other success. An even brighter future is foreseeable for the young right back as long as he learns to temper his nonchalant air, illustrated most graphically in the closing minutes with the most casual of backpasses. The danger was covered, as usual, by Walker.

Although New Zealand might also have scored in the first half, England should have claimed at least two more than the goals from Pearce, marking his first appearance as captain, in the twelfth minute, and from Hirst, a few minutes after replacing Deane during the interval.

Notably, Salako created the first goal and Charles the second. In the most convincing display of the tour so far, and in tempestuous conditions, Salako struck a post and Thomas and Hirst both miscued in front of unguarded nets.

Schofield was otherwise responsible for keeping the score to a respectable level.

If Salako and Charles have provided reasons for optimism, Wise and especially Ian Wright have not. Both have continued to disappoint and McMenemy suggested that room will be probably be made for Clough to come back with Lineker against Malaysia here on Wednesday, if not Hodge, who has been feeling unwell.

NEW ZEALAND: G Schofield (Mount Wellington); M Ridenton (Mount Wellington) R Gray (Waitakere City), M Dunford (Miramar Rangers), C Evans (Oxford United), R Ironside (Sydney Olympic), M McGarry (Christchurch United), D Halligan (Christchurch United), D Edge (Waikato; sub: T Edge, Waitakere City), De Jong (Fortuna Sittard), A Ferris (Mount Maunganui).

ENGLAND: C Woods (Rangers); G Charles (Nottingham Forest), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Wise (Chelsea), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), M Wright (Derby County), D Platt (Aston Villa), G Thomas (Crystal Palace), B Deane (Sheffield United), D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday), I Wright (Crystal Palace), J Salako (Crystal Palace).

Referee: R Lorenc (Australia).

British associations show damaging lack of unity

DAVID MILLER

THANKFULLY, Fifa has kept alive the sensible proposal by the Football Association of Wales (FAW) for modification of the offside law. But at Saturday's annual meeting of the International Board in Belfast, the British associations, which enjoy a unique position of authority within international federations, exhibited a remarkable absence of unanimity.

Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, the world's governing body, said that last season's experiment in the Welsh League — no offside for the ball played from the receiver's own half of the field — would be extended to an international event, possibly the Olympic Games in Barcelona next year.

"It is an interesting idea, and the evidence is encouraging," Blatter said. "But there was too little time at the meeting for it to be properly considered." I believe this possibility should be pursued vigorously.

Evidence in the Welsh League showed a 7.5 per cent increase in goalscoring, though Blatter was concerned that implementation of the new law would make life, if anything, more difficult for a referee operating without linesmen, which applies to 80 per cent of football worldwide.

It was, however, agreed by the board to conduct other experiments during the world under-17 championship in Italy in August; to limit offside to an area formed by an extension of the penalty area line to the touchlines, and to prohibit the goalkeeper receiving a pass back with his hands, the penalty being an indirect free kick at the point where he touches the ball.

In the second leg of the Uefa Cup final between Roma and Inter Milan, there were 62 passes back to the goalkeeper.

The need for action to halt negative play and time wasting has never been so acute, and some amendment of the offside law is the only means for obligatory adjustment of suffocating tactics. Some immediate positive action was taken, though not enough, with the decision to make a handling that prevents a goalscoring opportunity a sending-off offence, in line with similarly fouling the opponent; and defining "possession" by a goalkeeper as the first touch of the ball — other then when saving a shot.

That at least will prevent the infuriating impersonation of traffic wardens by goalkeepers, holding up play indefinitely, by knocking the ball down and dribbling aimlessly around the penalty area until challenged by a forward, while both teams rearrange themselves in the centre circle for what looks like morris dancing.

Absurdly, in my view, the FAW was persuaded to withdraw from debate a proposal to emulate rugby union and advance a free kick ten yards when an opponent impedes the taking of a free kick, on the grounds that referees were being given further instruction on restricting time wasting. They have been for years, and what has happened?

It is regrettable that the FAW's experiment on offside was not wholeheartedly supported by their British colleagues. This was, admittedly, partly the fault of the Welsh, who had not circulated the details soon enough so that everybody could be familiar with the admirable improvements that had been revealed during last season in the Welsh League.

Yet, there exists among the British, with their privileged involvement in a half-share control of the way football is played, a petty indulgence in rivalries that do nothing for the good of the game or their own reputations. Neither Scotland nor England gave Wales the support they deserved.

So much time is wasted lobbying for further advancement within Fifa's ranks: for many years the jealousy surrounded Harry Cavan's position as vice-president of Fifa when Northern Ireland chairman, the position now occupied by David Will, of Scotland.

The British, having given football to the world, should be looking more urgently to protect its future rather than to further their own positions.

ATHLETICS

HUW EVANS

First place: Christie crosses the line as he wins the 100 metres title in Cardiff

Fairbrother takes UK title despite nights in open air

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FOR the likes of Linford Christie and John Regis, a night in a good hotel is the norm before going out to win a title. But not all the winners at the Pearl Assurance United Kingdom championships in Cardiff over the weekend had a comfortable bed to sleep in on the eve of competition.

In between Christie's win in the 100 metres and Regis's in the 200 metres, Simon Fairbrother became the UK 1,500 metres champion for the first time. Fairbrother, mindful of the cost of two nights in a hotel, did his preparation on the cheap: he pitched his tent at nearby Penarth.

In the tent next door was his brother, Justin: by reaching the final, they had earned the right to have their accomodation expenses reimbursed, but a tannoy message to them after the heats on Saturday night came too late. They had gone back to their camp site.

Not that Andy Norman, the British Amateur Athletic Board's promotions officer, got away with it completely. The Fairbrother brothers will be sending in their bills for £2.50 a night camping charges, and, in any case, they would have not been tempted by the nice hotel. "It's more relaxing in a tent than being with all the other athletes," Simon said.

It was Justin's burst on the third lap that stretched the field and set up victory for Simon. His first senior vest for Great Britain could follow. He should now be selected for the three-a-side match against Germany on June 19.

Fairbrother's time was 3min 48.59sec, the slowest winning time since the championships began in 1977. However, fast times were ruled out by the swirling wind and not a single track event produced a world championship A standard qualifying time.

Christie, the European 100 metres champion, won his race in 10.39sec; Regis, the European 200 metres champion, beat Roger Black, the European 400 metres champion, over the shorter distance in 21.24sec.

Paul Sanders is attempting this season to establish his identity as an individual after being the "fourth man" to Regis, Black and Kriss Akabusi, in Britain's victory in the European championships 400 metres relay last summer. While the three individual European champions are full-time athletes, Sanders has a demanding job as a sales executive.

His victory over Akabusi in the 400 metres was therefore encouraging, though he was disappointed not to have recorded the world championship qualifying time.

After recording 47.69sec, he said: "I knew if conditions were good it would be fast, so it was disappointing to run a time which would normally not draw breath."

The AAA 10,000 metres, in which a world championship place was on offer to the winner, produced an exciting finish: Carl Thackery came from 20 metres behind Richard Nerurkar at the bell to win. After chasing Nerurkar, Thackery now needs to chase the qualifying time.

RESULTS FROM CARDIFF

MEN: 100m: 1, L Christie (Thames Valley), 10.39sec; 2, M Rosswess (Birchfield), 10.47; 3, J John (Birchfield), 10.57; 5, C Jackson (Brecon), 10.68. 200m: 1, J Regis (Belgrave), 21.24; 2, Rosswess, 21.28; 3, R Black (Team Solent), 21.55. 400m: 1, P Sanders (Team Solent), 47.69; 2, K Akabusi (Team Solent), 47.81; 3, M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 47.97. 800m: 1, D Sharpe (Jarrow and Hebburn), 1min 50.31sec; 2, S Heard (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 1:50.79; 3, A Lill (Newham and Essex Beagles), 1:51.07. 1,500m: 1, S Fairbrother (Haringey), 3:48.59; 2, G Marlow (Bracknell), 3:50.26; 3, N Hopkins (Reigate Priory), 3:50.37. 3,000m: 1, P Elliott (Rotherham), 8:07.51; 2, N Rimmer (Sale), 8:10.70; 3, A Geddes (Blackheath), 8:11.73. 5,000m: 1, I Hamer (Swansea), 13:49.86; 2, C Walker (Gateshead), 13:50.93; 3, S Mugglestone (Oxford Univ), 13:51.74. AAA 10,000m championship: 1, C Thackery (Hallamshire), 28:37.52; 2, R Nerurkar (Bingley), 28:38.58; 3, J Solly (Herne Hill), 28:45.28. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, P McColgan (Dundee Hawkhill), 8:49.54; 2, M Hawkins (Bingley), 8:53.15; 3, S Duval (Cannock and Stafford), 8:55.78. 110m hurdles: 1, D Nelson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 13.69sec; 2, A Tulloch (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 13.90; 3, H Teape (Borough of Enfield), 13.98. 400m hurdles: 1, M Robertson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 50.33; 2, L Lynch (Haringey), 50.81; 3, M Davidson (Caledon Park), 51.67. 10km walk: 1, S Partington (Boundary), 42min 28.28sec; 2, G Holloway (Splott), 43:17.85; 3, L Morton (Sheffield), 43:41.07.

High jump: 1, D Grant (Haringey), 2.20m; 2, G Parsons (Blue Circle), 2.15; 3, M Huggins (Hercules Wimbledon), 2.10. Pole vault: 1, A Ashurst (Sale), 5.15; 2, M Belsham (Sale), 5.10; 3, K Stock (Haringey), 5.00. Invitation pole vault: 1, D Mellor (Rotherham), 5.10; 2, W Siley (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 5.00; 3, N Buckfield (Crawley), 4.90. Long jump: 1, M Forsythe (Ballymena and Antrim), 7.81; 2, J King (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 7.81; 3, B Williams (Cannock and Stafford), 7.80. Triple jump: 1, V Samuels (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 16.19; 2, F Agyepong (Shaftesbury Barnet), 15.88; 3, M McDonald (Queen's University), 15.56. Shot: 1, P Edwards (Walton), 18.69; 2, M Simson (Thurrock), 16.37; 3, N Spratley (Reading), 16.99. Discus: 1, P Mardle (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 54.66; 2, K Brown (Birchfield), 54.46; 3, D Morris (Belgrave), 52.82. Hammer: 1, P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles), 73.64; 2, M Jones (West London Hammer School); 3, S Peacock (Birchfield), 66.24. Javelin: 1, G Jenson (Haringey), 78.90; 2, M Roberson (Haringey), 75.86; 3, M Cottrell (Team Solent), 72.82.

WOMEN: 100m: 1, B Kinch (Borough of Hounslow), 11.63sec; 2, P Thomas (Stretford), 11.67; 3, S Douglas (Milton Keynes), 11.71. 200m: 1, L Keough (Basingstoke), 24.25; 2, S Gunnell (Essex), 24.28; 3, S Jacobs (Reading), 24.40. 400m: 1, S Leigh (Stevenage), 53.55; 2, T Goddard (Basingstoke), 53.59; 3, J Stoute (Essex), 53.95. 800m: 1, P Fryer (Sale), 2min 05.43sec; 2, M Kibson (Hounslow), 2:06.18; 3, A Parry (Kingston), 2:07.52. 1,500m: 1, A Wyeth (Parkside), 4:14.98; 2, L York (Leicester), 4:15.21; 3, L Baker (Coventry), 4:16.24. 3,000m: 1, E McColgan (Dundee Hawkhill), 8:59.39; 2, J Hunter (Valli), 9:05.90; 3, K Hutcheson (Berry Hill Mansfield), 9:11.56. 10,000m: 1, S Vivod (Yug), 33:04.60; 2, L Morton (Westbury), 33:23.66; 3, A Bell (Lincoln), 33:46.62. 100m hurdles: 1, L-A Skeete (Swindon), 13.66sec; 2, L Fraser (Stretford), 13.85; 3, M Edwards (Essex), 13.98. 400m hurdles: 1, J Parker (Essex), 57.64; 2, S Dean (Essex), 59.20; 3, J Pearson (Ashford), 59.99. 5km walk: 1, V Lupton (Sheffield), 22min 51.38sec (UK junior record); 2, H Elleker (Sheffield), 23:26.18; 3, S Black (Birchfield), 23:44.88.

High jump: 1, L Haggett (Croydon), 1.85m; 2, D Marti (Bromley), 1.85; 3, J Boyle (Belfast), 1.80. Long jump: 1, F May (Derby), 6.74; 2, O Idowu (Oxford City), 6.69; 3, M Berkeley (Shaftesbury Barnet), 6.54. Triple jump: 1, E Finikin (Shaftesbury Barnet), 13.23; 2, M Griffith (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 13.17; 3, Berkeley, 12.97. Shot: 1, J Oakes (Croydon), 18.37; 2, M Augee (Bromley), 18.12; 3, M Lynes (Croydon), 15.71. Discus: 1, J McKernan (Lisburn), 53.14; 2, J Picton (Bracknell), 50.64; 3, D Bushnell (Chelmsford), 47.76. Hammer: 1, F Whitehead (Havant), 45.94 (UK best); 2, J Clark (Milton Keynes), 44.62; 3, D Holden (Borough of Hounslow), 42.12. Javelin: 1, S Gibson (Notts), 60.14; 2, C White (Stretford), 56.50; 3, T Sanderson (Borough of Hounslow), 55.50.

RACING

Jet Ski Lady in line for clash with Derby colts

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of a meeting between Generous, Suave Dancer and Jet Ski Lady became more than an exciting possibility after the Jim Bolger-trained filly, at 50-1, had become the longest-priced winner this century of the Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom on Saturday.

"Sheikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum is keen to take on the colts," said the county Carlow trainer. "She's not entered in the race, but can be supplemented up to the five-day declaration stage."

If Jet Ski Lady is to be sent to the Curragh on June 29, the Sheikh will have to pay a Ir£60,000 fee to qualify his three-year-old filly for an attempt to emulate Salsabil, who last season became the only filly ever to win the Irish Derby. The Irish Guinness Oaks would be the alternative target.

Bolger also trains Star Of Gdansk, who finished third to Generous in Wednesday's Derby. "The two horses have worked together, but have never been seriously tried," he said. "Star Of Gdansk would have the better speed, but, as you all saw on Saturday, Jet Ski Lady stays really well."

Relishing the notion of such an informative confrontation between the leaders of their generation, Geoffrey Gibbs, the senipr Jockey Club handicapper, commented: "They would certainly be entitled to have a crack at the colts. Even if you argue that both Shamshir and Shadayid failed to give their running, a line through the consistent Jaffa Line, who is rated at about 110, would give Jet Ski Lady a chance against Generous."

In becoming only the third filly this century — Noblesse and Sun Princess being the other two — to win the Oaks by 10 lengths or more, Saturday's surprise winner was also giving the Maktoum family their sixth victory in the filly's premier classic in the past seven years. And in finishing second and third respectively, Shamshir and Shadayid made it a clean sweep for the ruling family of Dubai.

Bolger, a dapper and ambitous 49-year-old, has become well known to British racegoers during the past decade. Although Jet Ski Lady was given the Irishman his first classic win in this country, the exploits of such talented performers as Give Thanks, Condessa, Flame Of Tara, Park Appeal, Park Express and Polonia have all been emptying the bookmakers satchels during this period.

The plan to exploit the winner's stamina to the utmost was planned by Bolger and put into action with devastating effect by Christy Roche, the champion Irish jockey and a man who rode Secreto to an earlier surprise victory over El Gran Senor in the 1984 Derby.

Racing down the hill towards Tattenham Corner, Roche was already urging his filly along. And although Shadayid looked momentarily menacing when Willie Carson sent the favourite in pursuit early in the straight, Jet Ski Lady was firmly in command throughout the last quarter of a mile.

"The trainer said 'if you ride her right, you can win. The only worry is that there won't be enough pace'. He told me to use the filly's stamina and that's what I think I did," said Roche.

Bolger's hopes had risen as the rain had started to fall heavily the day before. And the use of forcing tactics in the ground, first heavily watered and then softened by rain, certainly exposed the weaknesses in the opposition.

Shamshir, coming from a long way back, caught the weakening Shadayid close home to finish second. Luca Cumani's filly had sweated up before the race but, apart from the winner, was the only one to emerge with real credit.

"Five out we were struggling," said Lanfranco Dettori. "Down the hill they suddenly quickened the tempo to flat out. When I looked up coming round Tattenham Corner, the leader was 20 lengths clear and we were going nowhere. All of a sudden she got her stride going and finshed well."

The Irish Oaks now becomes a possibility for the runner-up. But John Dunlop plans to return Shadayid to a mile.

Some students of pedigrees on Wednesday had fastened on Generous and Marju. Those who insist on the old-fashioned virtues of stamina in the breeding of potential winners of the Derby and the Oaks, can now see that Jet Ski Lady also possessed the strongest credentials, as she is sired by the French Derby winner Caerleon and is out of Bemissed, a daughter of Nijinsky, winner of the triple crown in 1970.

BIG-RACE RESULT

Going: good

4.05 GOLD SEAL OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,500: 1m 4f)

JET SKI LADY ch f Vaguely Noble - Bemissed (M Al Maktoum) 9-0 C Roche (50-1) 1.

Shamshir ch f Kris - Free Guest (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 L Dettori (8-1) 2.

Shadayid gr f Shadeed - Desirable (H Al-Maktoum) 9-0 W Carson (Evens fav) 3.

ALSO RAN: 7 Dartrey (6th), 12 Ausherra, Peplum, 14 Jaffa Line (4th), 16 Magnificent Star (5th), 20 Fragrant Hill. 9 ran. 10l, ¾l, ¾l, sh hd, 2l. J Bolger in Ireland. Tote: £16.50; £3.70, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £112.40. CSF: £279.89. 2min 37.30sec.

Caerlina shines in French Oaks

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

CAERLINA, a 13-1 chance ridden by Eric Legrix, stole the show in the £142,000 Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly yesterday.

She gained a three-quarters of a length success over the rank outsider Magic Night (Alain Badel) with Louve Romaine (Dominique Boeuf) a neck away third.

The British challenger Kazoo, a 23-1 outsider, finished tenth of the 13 runners.

Only last week Lester Piggott had telephoned trainer Jean de Roualle asking for the ride on Caerlina whom Piggott had ridden into third place in last month's Poule D'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas).

But on the request of her Japanese owners, de Roualle stuck with Eric Legrix, who had been suspended at the time of the French Guineas, and the pair were rewarded with a first French classic success.

The result was also another triumph for the filly's sire Caerleon, following the success of Generous in the Derby.

The big disappointments in the Diane were the Criquette Head-trained pair of Brooklyn's Dance and Treble, who started hot favourites as a coupled pair. They finished ninth and eleventh respectively.

☐ Walter Swinburn, substituting for Steve Cauthen, caused an upset at Evry on Saturday when 10-1 chance Wajd returned to form to beat odds-on favourite Epervier Bleu in the £35,000 Grand Prix d'Evry.

Chantilly details

Going: soft

2.55 (1m 2f 110yd) 1, CAERLINA (E Legrix); 2, Magic Night (A Badel); 3, Louve Romaine (D Boeuf). ALSO RAN: Messiema (4th), Polemic (5th), Sha Tha (6th), La Monalisa (7th), After The Sun (8th), Brooklyn's Dance (9th), Kazoo (10th), Treble (11th), Gravieres (12th), Ring Beaume. 13 ran. ¾l, nk, 1½l, ½l, ½l, ¾l, ½l, 2½l, 1l, ½l, 4l, 4l. J de Roualle. Pari-Mutuel (To a 1fr stake): 14.20; 4.40, 9.30, 3.80. DF: 220.90. 2min 10.5sec.

Hansel holds on in Belmont

HANSEL held off a desperate late challenge from Strike The Gold to win Saturday's £216,311 Belmont Stakes, the third leg of the American triple crown, by a head.

Dermot Weld's Smooth Performance could not follow up Go And Go's success in last year's race and finished eighth, beaten 23 lengths.

EQUESTRIANISM

A clear final round earns Swiss success

BRITAIN lost the Swiss Nation's Cup to Switzerland by one quarter of a time fault at the St Gallen international horse show yesterday but the result was in doubt until the last two horses in the competition jumped their final rounds (a Special Correspondent writes).

John Whitaker went first for Britain on Henderson Milton and collected four faults at the final fence. Although the horse appeared to meet the fence, a double, correctly, he unluckily lowered a pole. Thomas Fuchs then had a second clear round on his black mare, Moët et Chandon Dollar Girl. That clinched the victory for Switzerland, and took the trophy from the British, who had won the event in 1989.

However, the competition was not a real pointer to the European championships next month in La Baule because the size of the fences and the technical problems presented were as demanding as they will be in that event.

RESULTS: 1, Switzerland 12 faults; 2, Great Britain, 12.25; 3, Sweden, 12.50; 4, Germany, 20; 5, Spain, 26.75.

Leng's win ends drought

By JENNY MACARTHUR

VIRGINIA Leng, the reigning European champion, won the Toyota Bramham international three-day event yesterday on nine-year-old gelding Welton Chit Chat after a dramatic end to a hard-fought competition.

Surprisingly, it is the former world champion's first three-day event win since gaining her third successive European title at Burghley in 1989. She last won at Bramham on Priceless in 1980.

Charlotte Hollingsworth, on Solo Performance, and Miranda Tulloch, an accountancy student, on her home-bred Matterhorn — who had been lying in eighteenth and 21st positions after the dressage — both achieved their best results to date when they finished second and third respectively after well judged show jumping rounds.

Leng, who hopes to defend her European title in September with Master Craftsman, had been lying second behind Pippa Nolan on Metronome at the start of yesterday's show jumping.

Riders went in reverse order of merit — which increased the pressure on the top six who had less than the cost of one show jumping fence between them.

Sharon Lemon on Oh Nicholas, who won the event last year, had one fence down and dropped to fourth place. Eddy Stibbe, of The Netherlands, on Kilmac Thomas, also incurred five penalties and remained in fifth place.

Leng, who incurred 15 show jumping penalties at her last three-day event with Chit Chat, made no mistake this time — despite the onset of heavy rain and lightning which she described as "unnerving".

By the time Nolan, on Ruth McMullen's home-bred Metronome, had entered the ring, the heavens had opened. She coped as best she could, but three fences down dropped her to thirteenth place.

Leng was "surprised and delighted" with her win. She said Welton Chit Chat has been a slow developer and easily distracted but finally "got it all together".

Leng described her ride over Saturday's cross-country course as "fabulous". She was one of 25 riders out of the 92 who started to go clear inside the time over the course which was designed, for the first time, by Mike Tucker, the technical delegate for the three-day event at the Barcelona Olympics. Sixty-one riders had no jumping faults.

Hollingsworth's clear round on Solo Performance was full of merit. The pair were stopped on the course because of an accident ahead just before fence 18, one of the most difficult jumps.

Kristina Gifford, the daughter of the national hunt trainer Josh, underlined her claim for selection for this year's Young Rider's team when she and Smiths Town Lad, who missed most of last year through injury, won the Young Rider's Trial after three days of excellent competition in which she led from the start.

RESULTS: Three-day event: 1 Welton Chit Chat (V Leng), 51.40; 2 Solo Performance (C Hollingsworth), 57.20; 3 Matterhorn (M Tulloch), 58.05; 4 Oh Nicholas (S Lemon), 59.80; 5 Bristol's Kilmacthomas (E Stibbe, The Netherlands), 59.0; 6 Locomotion (O Moore), 60.0; 7t Valiant (R Powell), 61.0; 8 Sween Dhu (I Stark), 61.4. Young Riders Trial: 1. Smithstown Lad (K Gifford), 54.8; 2 TR Minkting (C Bell), 60.6; 3: McRaffles (S Newman), 65.4.

ROWING

Eton's claim for seeding is enhanced

ETON's unbeaten first eight won two eights classes and two small boat events at the London Docklands Regatta on Saturday, strengthening their claim for a seeding at Henley (Mike Rosewell writes). St Joseph's School, of Philadelphia, might also catch the Henley stewards' notice in the schools event. The Docklands results will interest the Henley stewards and the under-23 and lightweight GB selectors.

In the open classes, Lea RC won the eights and coxless fours, but London University took the top two places in the coxed class and pushed Lea very close in the coxless. Bristol University's hopes for Henley were enhanced by their win over Imperial College in the senior 1 racing.

Jacqueline Thomas (under-23) and Sue Appleboom (lightweight) won their classes. Thames Tradesmen won both the women's open eights and fours, and London University were very close in the eights.

Racing was abandoned yesterday because wind made the course unrowable.

St Edward's School created a piece of history at the 129-year-old Walton Regatta on Saturday by reaching all six of the eights finals and winning five.

MOTOR RACING

Cleland crashes but still takes first place

By STEPHEN SLATER

A TORRENTIAL rainstorm caused confusion in the Esso British touring car championship race at Silverstone yesterday, when John Cleland was accorded victory despite crashing off the track.

After starting the race on slick, untreaded tyres in light drizzle, almost all of the leading cars were involved in incidents as conditions deteriorated. The initial leader was Will Hoy, whose Securicor BMW made a superb start. However, on the third lap, he was nudged into a spin by the Vauxhall Cavalier of Jeff Allam, allowing his teammate, Cleland, to assume the lead.

After just ten of the alloted 25 laps, visibility had dropped to zero and the trackside was littered with abandoned cars. Cleland aquaplaned off the track and into a tyre wall, badly damaging the front of his Cavalier, while Allam also spun off the track but rejoined the race.

One of the few drivers to benefit was the former British champion, Frank Sytner, who had gambled on starting the race on treaded Yokohama tyres. He began to gain on the leaders and Sytner headed the field as the cars completed their eleventh lap. However, red flags were already being waved to stop the race and, according to championship rules, the result was calculated from the start of the previous lap, giving Cleland victory.

As the rain continued, David Coulthard drove a perfect race to take victory and extend his lead in the British Formula Three championship. Despite starting in seventh place, the Scot, aged 20, had pulled clear of the field by the end of the first lap and led all the way.

☐ Michael Doohan, of Australia, increased his lead in the motorcycling 500cc world championship to 15 points after winning the Austrian motorcycling grand prix at the Salzburgring yesterday. The Honda rider took the lead from Wayne Rainey, the world champion, on the fourth lap and stayed in front.

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BOXING

McDonald is disqualified in title bout

ERROL McDonald, of Britain, failed in his attempt to win the European welterweight title in La Spezia, Italy, on Saturday when he was disqualified in the twelfth and final round of his contest with Patrizio Oliva, of Italy, for illegal use of the head.

McDonald had already been warned for the same reason in the fourth and seventh rounds, but Oliva was already a likely winner of the bout when the disqualification came.

A former World Boxing Association light-welterweight champion, Oliva was comfortably ahead on points and extended his record as a professional to 53 victories and only one defeat.

☐ George Foreman may be Mike Tyson's next opponent later this year instead of the undisputed world heavyweight champion, Evander Holyfield. Don King, Tyson's manager, has been unable to come to an agreement with Holyfield's camp on Tyson's share of the purse, should the two meet, and has instead offered Foreman $15 million (£8.8 million) to take on Tyson.

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Blue Room set to go one better

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

SUPPORTING **Blue Room** to win the Fratsom Rovers Football Club Anniversary Handicap over seven furlongs at Brighton this evening looks a natural course of action for those, like myself, who thought Bellefan was unlucky not to win the Croydex Handicap at Epsom on Saturday.

It was on today's switchback track that this Reg Akehurst-trained four-year-filly made that satisfactory start to the season 12 days ago when she was runner-up to Bellefan over a mile.

Nothing was going better than Blue Room at today's distance, but in the last furlong she was swamped by the speed of the winner, whose subsequent performance at Epsom more than upheld the form. The form of Blue Room's earlier race looks doubly sound since Milne's Way, herself a winner at Bath previously, was well held in third place.

Once trained in Lambourn by Willie Brooks, Blue Room, along with her former trainer, joined Akehurst's string midway through last season and promptly won two races in a row, over today's course and distance and later at Newmarket.

Her most recent effort was the clearest indication that she is poised to pick up the winning thread again in the hands of Richard Quinn.

However, with Helawe also standing his ground, their task is far from simple because he has now won five times at Brighton and he too was far from discredited on his latest appearance there when runner-up to Threshfield.

But judged on that performance there should not be much between Helawe, Pleasure Ahead and Mallau since the other two were directly behind Helawe in third and fourth place last time.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Ray Cochrane riding Sea Breaker (8.00), who was beaten only a short head at Chepstow first time out, and Sweet Tassa (9.00), just touched off by Dream Carrier at Folkestone last Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, Cochrane will be at Pontefract where he looks capable of also winning the CBM Construction Handicap on **Easy Line**, who was such a close third in the race won by Darakah at Kempton last time.

My idea of the day's best bet though is **Combination**, who is napped to win the Simpson Coulson Youngsters Stakes in the hands of Dean McKeown.

By Primo Dominie out of a mare by On Your Mark, sprinters both, this Lynda Ramsden-trained two-year-old has a very fast pedigree and that speed was certainly much in evidence when he defeated Night Duty by half a length at Nottingham midway through last month.

With Night Duty then going on to score at Leicester last Monday, Combination's form looks more than adequate, and superior than that boasted by Seagull Hollow and Treasure Trove.

At Nottingham, all eyes will be on Julie Cecil saddling her first two-year-old runner with Lester Piggott in the saddle. This is Afif, who is by Midyan out of a mare by Auction Ring.

There is plenty of fast blood there and I am led to believe that Afif may well be capable of making a winning debut in the EBF Plumtree Maiden Stakes at the expense of Steve Cauthen's mount Ruhr, who was fourth on his debut at Leicester in the race won by Master Of Passion.

PONTEFRACT

MANDARIN
2.45 Green Turban.
3.15 Well Appointed.
3.45 Easy Line.
4.15 Apache Prince.
4.45 COMBINATION (nap).
5.15 Escape Talk.

THUNDERER
2.45 Mathkoor.
3.15 Well Appointed.
3.45 EASY LINE (nap).
4.15 Lafkadio.
4.45 Treasure Trove.
5.15 Escape Talk.

MICHAEL SEELY
4.45 Man Of The Moment.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 MAN OF THE MOMENT.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM UP TO ONE MILE (REMAINDER OF COURSE, FIRM) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.45 REID SMITH MAIDEN MILE STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,954: 1m) (9 runners)

1	(4)	0-304	COLOSSUS 47 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	89
2	(1)	50-0	GREEN TURBAN 37 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	92
3	(3)	44	MATHKOOR 8 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	91
4	(7)		MY NOMINEE (R Chadwick) S Kettlewell 9-0	S Webster	—
5	(2)	36	AUDE LA BELLE 20 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) A Scott 8-9	J Fortune	94
6	(8)		COOLINSKY (A Watson) M H Easterby 8-9	M Birch	—
7	(6)	002-33	GRAVETTE 6 (BF) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-9	W Ryan	● 98
8	(5)	0-0	LET'S BE ON 20 (Mrs J Plummer) P Beaumont 8-9	Paul Eddery	—
9	(9)		ROGERS NIECE (Mrs D Holloway) J Parkes 8-9	Dean McKeown	—

BETTING: 6-4 Gravette, 5-2 Mathkoor, 9-2 Colossus, 8-1 Green Turban, 10-1 Aude La Belle, 14-1 Coolinsky, 16-1 others.

1990: STARLIGHT FLYER 9-0 B Marcus (11-2) M Moubarak 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLOSSUS last of 4 to Fair Average (gave 4lb) beaten 5½l at Kempton (1m, good to firm). GREEN TURBAN 7th of 9 to Le Corsaire (levels) at Newmarket (1m 4f, good).
MATHKOOR finished well after a slow start when 4th beaten under 1l by Katy Ann Bee (rec 5lb) at Yarmouth (7f, firm). AUDE LA BELLE 6th beaten 9¾l by Snow Plough (levels) with LETS BE ON (levels) last of 7 at Beverley (1m 2f, firm). GRAVETTE 3rd beaten 3¼l by Sarabah (levels) at Folkestone (1m 2f, firm). Should appreciate this shorter trip.
Selection: MATHKOOR

3.15 BRITANNIA WOODWORK SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,629: 5f) (11 runners)

1	(2)	203132	ORCHARD BAY 10 (D,F) (P Ward) W Pearce 8-13	L Charnock	96
2	(11)	31	ZUNIL 21 (D,G) (C James) C James 8-13	Pat Eddery	94
3	(7)	0046	BARNSVIEW 11 (N Harter) M Ellerby 8-11	S Morris	● 99
4	(3)	300	TENDER MONARCH 21 (J Forsyth) P Bevan 8-11	S Webster	92
5	(8)	6	WELL APPOINTED 7 (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	Dean McKeown	92
6	(9)	00	CERTAIN LADY 14 (Lt Col W O Crandall) G Blum 8-6	G Bardwell	83
7	(1)	0	CHAMPAGNE DAISY 12 (Miss A McGregor) J Balding 8-6	A Mackay	85
8	(6)		CRYSTAL GEM (B Newton) P Haslam 8-6	R P Elliott	—
9	(10)		HAMMY'S LASS (J Hamilton) P Haslam 8-6	Nicola Howarth (7)	—
10	(4)	0	PALACEGATE GEM 58 (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	91
11	(5)		SPANISH RHAPSODY (M Jeggo) M Usher 8-6	M Wigham	—

BETTING: 2-1 Zunil, 5-2 Well Appointed, 3-1 Orchard Bay, 8-1 Barnsview, 10-1 Tender Monarch, 12-1 Palacegate Gem, 14-1 others.

1990: FRIENDLY CLAIM 8-6 Alex Greaves (14-1) T Barron 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ORCHARD BAY 2nd beaten 1l by Ready To Draw (gave 5lb) at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). ZUNIL beat Over Sharp (levels) 1½l at Wolverhampton (5f, good). WELL APPOINTED started slowly when 6th beaten 7l by Night Duty (levels) at Leicester (5f, good). Looks the sort to improve. PALACEGATE GEM 9th of 12 to Titch Wizard (gave 5lb) at Warwick (5f, good).
Selection: WELL APPOINTED

3.45 CBM CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (£4,269: 6f) (9 runners)

1	(8)	160-003	EASY LINE 16 (C,D,F,G,S) (C Potter) P Felden 8-10-0	R Cochrane	97
2	(1)	310100-	SLADES HILL 244 (CD,F) (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 4-9-5	Dean McKeown	90
3	(2)	100-260	QUATRE FEMME 10 (D,F) (D Scott) M Johnston 4-9-4	R P Elliott	95
4	(6)	040-010	BREEZY DAY 17 (G) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 5-9-2	B Raymond	90
5	(7)	34310-5	SAWAKI 14 (F) (D Macrae) W Jarvis 4-9-1	W R Swinburn	97
6	(5)	400430	DENSBEN 3 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 7-8-5	K Fallon	95
7	(9)	000-000	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 3 (V,D,F,G) (J Hardman) F Lee 4-8-4	R Lappin	● 98
8	(4)	004515	MYSTERY CARGO 16 (G) (Gallagher Contractors Ltd) N Callaghan 3-7-9	F Norton (5)	96
9	(3)	00-1044	DALESIDE LADYBIRD 2 (D,F) (Daleside Nurseries Ltd) T Fairhurst 5-7-7	J Fanning (5)	93

Long handicap: Daleside Ladybird 7-3.
BETTING: 7-2 Easy Link, 4-1 Densben, 9-2 Sawaki, 11-2 Quatre Femme, 6-1 Mystery Cargo, 7-1 Daleside Ladybird, 8-1 Breezy Day, 10-1 others.

1990: ERRIS EXPRESS 5-8-9 M Roberts (100-30 fav) F Durr 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

EASY LINE 3rd beaten 1¼l by Darakah (rec 25lb) at Kempton (6f, good). Last season SLADES HILL beat El Arab (rec 3lb) at Hamilton (6f, good).
QUATRE FEMME on debut sh hd 2nd to Premier Touch (gave 13lb) at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). BREEZY DAY 9th off 12 to Dominuet (rec 10lb) at Haydock (5f, good); earlier beat Love Legend (gave 20lb) nk at Chester (5f, good). SAWAKI 5th beaten 4¼l by Amethystine (rec 24lb) at Leicester (7f, good to firm). DENSBEN 17th of 18 to Glenstal Princess (gave 3lb) at Haydock (6f). SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 9th of 12 to Lock Keeper (rec 9lb) at Southwell (7f). MYSTERY CARGO 5th beaten over 3½l to Sid Captain (gave 13lb) at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). DALESIDE LADYBIRD 4th beaten 2l by Filicaia (gave 7lb) at Carlisle (5f, hard).
Selection: EASY LINE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	20	39	51.3	Pat Eddery	20	70	28.6
W Jarvis	5	20	25.0	W Ryan	17	86	19.8
G Oldroyd	3	14	21.4	R Cochrane	19	109	17.4
M Johnston	3	15	20.0	W R Swinburn	8	46	17.4
B Hills	9	45	20.0	Paul Eddery	11	65	16.9
W Musson	8	46	17.4	R Hills	11	66	16.7

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CO,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 PONTEFRACT CUP (Handicap: £2,898: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1	(3)	222-408	APACHE PRINCE 21 (B,D,F,G) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 4-10-0	Dean McKeown	96
2	(4)	6/452-00	SUREST DANCER 42 (W Barker) W Barker 5-8-13	S Webster	84
3	(5)	234311	LAFKADIO 9J (C,F) (Black Diamond Racing Plc) M Chapman 4-8-11	Pat Eddery	● 99
4	(7)	00-1001	DODGER DICKINS 10 (F) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-8-11	G Husband (5)	95
5	(2)	021505-	AUTHORSHIP 24J (F) (Mrs J Francis) W Musson 5-7-10	A Mackay	84
6	(6)	01/06/	LAHARNA GIRL 9J (V,C,S) (S Dalton) G Oldroyd 7-7-7	Paul Eddery	—
7	(1)	/400/06	RIYADH LIGHTS 9J (B Fry) M Usher 6-7-7	F Norton (5)	91

Long handicap: Laharna Girl 7-5, Riyadh Lights 7-0.
BETTING: 2-1 Dodger Dickins, 5-2 Lafkadio, 4-1 Authorship, 5-1 Apache Prince, 10-1 Surest Dancer, 12-1 Riyadh Lights, 16-1 Laharna Girl.

1990: BLUFF COVE 8-9-1 G Husband (7-4 fav) R Hollinshead 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

APACHE PRINCE 6th beaten 12l by French Ivy (gave 9lb) at Wolverhampton (2m 1f, good). SUREST DANCER 8th of 12 to LAFKADIO (rec 25lb) at Pontefract (2m 5f, firm).
LAFKADIO beat Beau Quest (gave 15lb) sh hd at Beverley (2m, firm). DODGER DICKINS beat Glenstal Priory (rec 4lb) nk at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm). AUTHORSHIP 5th beaten 13l by Suivez Moi (levels) at Nottingham (2m, good to firm). RIYAD LIGHTS 8th beaten 11l by Cruise Party (gave 30lb) at Hamilton (1m 5f, good to firm).
Selections: APACHE PRINCE (nap)

4.45 SIMPSON COULSON YOUNGSTERS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,720: 6f) (5 runners)

1	(2)	01	COMBINATION 27 (D,F) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 9-3	Dean McKeown	82
2	(1)	212	MAN OF THE MOMENT 4 (F) (P Savill) S Norton 9-3	K Darley	● 99
3	(4)	15	ROYAL WALKABOUT 21 (F) (Royal Walkabout P'ship) John FitzGerald 9-3	R Hills	79
4	(5)	1	SEAGULL HOLLOW 24 (D,F) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 9-3	M Birch	89
5	(3)	2	TREASURE TROVE 17 (F Salman) M Bell 8-6	A Munro	92

BETTING: 13-8 Combination, 2-1 Treasure Trove, 4-1 Man Of The Moment 8-1 Seagull Hollow, 14-1 Royal Walkabout.

1990: TIMELESS TIMES 9-6 A Munro (4-11 fav) W O'Gorman 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMBINATION beat Night Duty (levels) ½l at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). MAN OF THE MOMENT 2nd beaten 2½l by Storm Melody (levels) 1½l at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
ROYAL WALKABOUT 5th of 7 beaten 9l by Bit-A-Magic (levels) at Folkestone (5f, firm). SEAGULL HOLLOW beat Windpower (gave 6lb) 1l at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). TREASURE TROVE 2nd beaten hd by Nur (levels) at Haydock (5f, good).
Selection: COMBINATION

5.15 JOHN GOODCHILD HANDICAP (£3,101: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

1	(17)	00-0050	EL VOLADOR 3 (F) (M Garrido) M Channon 4-10-0	M Wigham	89
2	(12)	4403	SIR DANIK 12 (F Lee) F Lee 3-8-11	Dean McKeown	87
3	(2)	0330-00	HAFHAFAH 58 (F) (Hambleton Racing 1989 Plc) P Haslam 4-9-8	R Hills	91
4	(9)	31000-0	NOT YET 7 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs V Moorey) E Weymes 7-9-9	K Rutter (7)	86
5	(10)	00-0253	YOUNG GEORGE 21 (F,G) (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 4-9-6	J Fanning (5)	95
6	(13)	005060	PRICELESS FANTASY 13 (F) (I Wardle) I Wardle 4-9-5	—	● 99
7	(11)	430-005	LODGING 31 (B) (Mrs J Stapleton) G Oldroyd 4-9-4	D Nicholls	96
8	(6)	00316-0	TOPCLIFFE 7 (CD,F) (C Barber-Lomax) C W Elsey 4-9-4	B Raymond	88
9	(8)	5/3400-0	BARACHOIS PRINCESS 34 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 4-9-4	K Darley	97
10	(14)	313-005	ELADHAM 18 (D,F) (M Moore) M Hammond 5-9-2	J Carroll	88
11	(18)	40006-0	SECRET LIASON 7 (F) (P Ward) W G M Turner 5-9-1	—	84
12	(4)	5-03400	KATY'S LAD 35 (F,S) (J Butler) B McMahon 4-9-0	J Fortune	96
13	(1)	0/0-0006	BANANA CUFFLINKS 16 (R Clifford-Turner) J Shaw 5-9-0	M Birch	—
14	(3)	3000/0-0	HOUSE OF FRUIT 70 (N Harris) C Allen 4-8-13	A Munro	—
15	(15)	120000/	FUSION 628 (D,B,F) (F Sharp) R Earnshaw 7-8-13	W R Swinburn	—
16	(7)	50-0565	GOLDEN BEAU 4 (C,F,G,S) (P Jillings) A Harrison 9-8-13	K Fallon	98
17	(5)	000-655	NAZMIAH 23 (D,F,S) (A Helaissi) A Hide 5-8-10	M Tebbutt	98
18	(16)	400-433	ESCAPE TALK 5 (BF,F) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-11	G Bardwell	94

BETTING: 7-2 Escape Talk, 6-1 Nazmiah, 8-1 Sir Danik, Young George, 10-1 Hafhafah, Barachois Princess, 12-1 Eladham, Katy's Lad, Golden Beau, 14-1 Priceless Fantasy, El Volador, 16-1 others.

1990: BLACK COMEDY 7-9-1 L Dettori (16-1) J Mackie 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

SIR DANIK 3rd beaten 1½l by Luks Akura (rec 17lb) at Ripon (1m, good to firm). NOT YET 7th of 8 to Choral Sundown (gave 6lb) at Redcar (1m 1f, good).
YOUNG GEORGE 3rd beaten 10l by My Chiara (gave 9lb) at Hamilton (1m 4f, good to firm). LODGING 5th beaten 31¾l by Art Form (gave 1lb) at Lingfield (1m 4f, standard). TOPCLIFFE last of 19 to Tiger Shoot (levels) with SECRET LIASON (rec 3lb) 16th at Leicester (1m 2f good). ELADHAM 5th beaten 10½l by Tongadin (rec 4lb) at Catterick (1m 5f, good to firm). NAZMIAH 5th beaten 14l by Top Villain (rec 12lb) at Southwell (1m 3f, standard). ESCAPE TALK 3rd beaten 9½l by Chief Cross (gave 16lb) at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: ELADHAM

Rowe launches training career

RICHARD Rowe, the former National Hunt jockey who rode over 500 winners, mostly for Josh Gifford, is to apply for a public training licence.

Rowe retired from the saddle in February, having gradually built up a 25-box livery yard at Sullington Stud in Storrington, Sussex, taking in many young horses for Gifford.

In April he produced hunter chaser Wood Singer for a successful seasonal debut at Southwell. "It was really the fun we had with Wood Singer that made me realise that training is what I really want to do," explains Rowe. "I decided to apply for a licence as soon as possible — and would like to start at the beginning of the next jump season."

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN
2.30 All The King's Men.
3.00 Bassio.
3.30 Afif.
4.00 Chianina.
4.30 Everset.
5.00 Our Aisling.

THUNDERER
2.30 All The King's Men.
3.00 Daily Sport Girl.
3.30 Ruhr.
4.00 Jess Rebec.
4.30 Everset.
5.00 Sillars Stalker.

MICHAEL SEELY
5.00 OUR AISLING (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Bassio.

GOING: GOOD 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 LONG EATON AUCTION STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,590: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

1	(4)	121-563	BLUE AEROPLANE 14 (F,G) (C Wright) P Cole 9-11	T Quinn	91
2	(6)	212-	ALL THE KING'S MEN 201 (S) (C Wates) P Cole 9-4	C Rutter	97
3	(7)	5010-00	TUMBLE TWIST 25 (C,G) (C Bothway) B Hanbury 9-4	L Newton (5)	84
4	(5)	0330-5	CANADIAN GOLD 30 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11	M Wood	77
5	(2)	0	DALE HILL IDEA 52 (Menjine Ltd) M Jarvis 8-11	L Dettori	● 98
6	(3)	0-2	KINTARO 30 (Anglo Thoroughbred Racing) D Murray Smith 8-11	L Piggott	83
7	(1)	0-5062	MIZYAN 10 (Miss P Rovera) J Czerpak 8-11	G Carter	81

BETTING: 9-4 All The King's Men, 3-1 Kintaro, 4-1 Dale Hill Idea, 11-2 Blue Aeroplane, 8-1 Mizyan, 12-1 Canadian Gold, 16-1 Tumble Twist.

1990: APPLECROSS 9-2 S Cauthen (2-1) H Cecil 7 ran

3.00 YOUNGSTERS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,790: 6f) (16 runners)

1	(9)	454241	BASSIO 5 (D,F) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 8-11	Mick Denaro (7)	● 99
2	(8)	2	BATABANOO 27 (BF) (P Savill) Mrs G Reveley 8-11	K Darley	83
3	(13)	0	HUSTHWAITE HILLS 10 (Mrs M Smithson) M Tompkins 8-11	C Hodgson (5)	—
4	(7)		LAST DATE (Date (Bloodstock) Ltd) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	—
5	(10)	0	MR RISK 27 (The Rocking Horse Syndicate) J Harris 8-11	L Dettori	—
6	(14)	0	OCO ROYAL 30 (R Digby-Ware) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11	J Lowe	79
7	(4)	6351	READY TO DRAW 10 (CD,F) (M M Racing Ltd) Ronald Thompson 8-11	A Proud	93
8	(12)	500	ROMANTIC DANCER 10 (T Smith) R Curtis 8-11	G Carter	91
9	(3)	05	SIGNORE DE ANGLES 5 (Mrs S Leggatt) R Stubbs 8-11	D Holland (3)	76
10	(5)	604	VICTOR ROMEO 7 (Mrs J Hopper) W Pearce 8-11	D Nicholls	83
11	(11)	00	BETWEEN TWO FIRES 10 (J Clayton) J Berry 8-6	M Hills	78
12	(16)		BLUE CROSS (Mrs R Lane) P Felgate 8-6	G Baxter	—
13	(1)	530	DAILY SPORT GIRL 31 (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-6	Paul Eddery	85
14	(15)	0652	MARY'S SPECIAL 12 (Mrs M Charalambous) M Channon 8-6	W Newnes	91
15	(2)	05	NATIVE LASS 27 (B Durkan & Alex Fennell) J Balding 8-6	T Quinn	—
16	(6)	000	ROCKY BAY 16 (Miss K Harris) D Haydn Jones 8-6	J Reid	—

BETTING: 5-2 Bassio, 100-30 Batabanoo, 4-1 Ready To Draw, 5-1 Mary's Special, 8-1 Last Date, 10-1 Victor Romeo, 12-1 Native Lass, 20-1 others.

1990: CHARLIE'S DARLING 8-6 N Howe (25-1) J Czerpak 12 ran

3.30 PLUMTREE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,633: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(6)		AFIF (Prince A Faisal) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	L Piggott	—
2	(4)	5	COOLABA PRINCE 12 (P Cosgrove) F Lee 9-0	G Carter	88
3	(7)		PEACE FORMULA (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Parks	—
4	(9)	4	RUHR 13 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	S Cauthen	98
5	(3)	2	SEBOSAN 20 (V Sujarani) A Hide 9-0	Paul Eddery	● 99
6	(1)	55	SPANISH EXPRESS 14 (P Asquith) R Boss 9-0	L Dettori	92
7	(8)		CHESHIRE ANNIE (D Delaney) W Carter 8-9	T Williams	—
8	(5)	0	FOURTIMELUCKY 35 (F Linley Hilbert) J Balding 8-9	J Lowe	—
9	(2)		PARADISE FORUM (K Fischer) Lord Huntingdon 8-9	J Reid	—

BETTING: 2-1 Ruhr, 11-4 Sebosan, 100-30 Afif, 5-1 Coolaba Prince, 10-1 Paradise Forum, 12-1 Peace Formula, 14-1 others.

1990: REGAL CREST 9-0 J Carroll (9-4 jt-fav) J Berry 10 ran

4.00 SANDIACRE HANDICAP (£2,611: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(1)	501060-	WARRIOR PRINCE 223 (D,F) (Desmond Racing Ltd) R Whitaker 3-10-0	A Culhane	80
2	(9)	500-0	SWIFT STREAM 17 (Home Stud Ltd) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-10	J Reid	91
3	(4)	2000-30	STARCHY COVE 14 (D,F) (C Wardle) R Hollinshead 4-9-8	S Perks	84
4	(7)	0-35020	BANHAM COLLEGE 17 (J Smith) B McMahon 5-9-7	T Quinn	● 99
5	(10)	45424-4	JESS REBEC 8 (B Stokes) R Dickin 3-9-7	D Meredith (7)	85
6	(6)	6-60	CHIANINA 16 (B) (D Churston) A Scott 3-9-3	Paul Eddery	97
7	(2)	6-00041	LADY'S MANTLE 6 (D,F,S) (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 7-8-13 (5ex)	S Dawson	98
8	(3)	41-2030	BRAVE MELODY 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Rees) J H Wilson 5-8-12	G Carter	96
9	(11)	10040-0	THE SINGING MAN 70 (D,F) (B Leach) J Balding 5-8-6	J Lowe	82
10	(12)	000000	ALWAYS TREASURE 16 (V) (Mrs J Addleshaw) Miss G Rees 5-8-1	M Wood	89
11	(5)	/0000/0	QUITE SO 16 (B,D,F) (W Goddard) K White 7-7-7	A Garth (7)	—
12	(8)	000000-	RUN FOR JOYCE 283 (J Balding) J Balding 5-7-7	Claire Balding (7)	—

Long handicap: Run For Joyce 7-6.
BETTING: 3-1 Lady's Mantle, 7-2 Brave Melody, 4-1 Banham College, 6-1 Starchy Cove, 8-1 Jess Rebec, 12-1 The Singing Man, 14-1 others.

1990: MIMINING 4-8-6 Pat Eddery (11-2) P Felgate 16 ran

4.30 RADCLIFFE APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,633: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(1)	300-602	DOKKHA OYSTON 18 (D,BF,G) (Murray Grubb) J Berry 9-5	S Haworth	● 98
2	(4)	5	EVERSET 13 (L Gatto-Roissard) L Cumani 9-1	J Weaver	90
3	(10)	55-4052	ATHENIAN KING 3 (D,F) (M Yiapatos) C Tinkler 8-13	G Parkin	93
4	(11)	33046-6	EASTERN MUSIC 70 (D,G) (C Owens) R Hollinshead 8-11	E Husband	93
5	(2)		SUNNYSIDE ROCK (S Durkin) J Etherington 8-11	J Fordham	—
6	(9)	050002	BALSMO 13 (D) (G Vine) D Haydn Jones 8-9	Stan Williams	81
7	(13)	06000-4	PILAR 69 (F,G) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	J Marshall	86
8	(7)	33602	ABU HANIFAH 11 (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-8	D Harrison	91
9	(5)	0-00206	DAAZAM 13 (B,CD,G) (K Donkin) Ronald Thompson 8-3	O Pears	78
10	(3)	352-664	KATY'S PET 13 (B,BF) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 8-3	E Bentley	96
11	(6)	00-0	LA ST CLAIR 41 (Mrs E Faure) J White 8-0	C Avery	—
12	(8)	60	LOVES REVENGE 44 (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 8-0	M Harrington	—
13	(12)	0-	ROMAN FAN 329 (S Crown) M Bell 7-13	P Turner	—
14	(14)	60-0000	TEA AND HONEY 7 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 7-13	T McLaughlin	61

BETTING: 2-1 Everset, 4-1 Dokkha Oyston, 9-2 Abu Hanifah, 6-1 Eastern Music, 8-1 Katy's Pet, 12-1 Loves Revenge, 14-1 others.

1990: LUCKY BLUE 8-5 V Deering (6-1) M H Easterby 14 ran

5.00 BILBOROUGH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,014: 1m 6f) (14 runners)

1	(7)	0-405	FIGHT TO WIN 10 (P Mellon) I Balding 9-7	L Piggott	91
2	(4)	034	SNO MARQUE 35 (Mrs J Gold) R Boss 9-4	S Cauthen	84
3	(2)	004	BEY D'AO 21 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	T McLaughlin	88
4	(10)	05-3211	OUR AISLING 3 (D,F) (A Smeaton) S Norton 8-12 (5ex)	O Pears (7)	● 99
5	(11)	00044	TROJAN ENVOY 14 (D Khan) W Carter 8-10	T Williams	94
6	(1)	005-0	STAPLEFORD LADY 21 (D Woods) A Hide 8-7	G Baxter	82
7	(9)	400-60	SUBSONIC 56 (BF) (Mrs H J Heinz) J Dunlop 8-6	J Reid	94
8	(5)	00000-	FAUSTUS LAD 259 (P Rhodes) M Brittain 8-4	A Culhane	88
9	(6)	04-00	FANLIGHT 44 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) C Wall 8-2	G Carter	80
10	(12)	00-0005	AS ALWAYS 21 (D Barker) G Lewis 8-0	Paul Eddery	94
11	(3)	154000	CLASSIC ACCOUNT 23 (R Lee) C Wildman 7-9	N Carlisle	98
12	(13)	0000-33	SILLARS STALKER 60 (Sillars Civil Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8	N Kennedy (5)	97
13	(8)	60006-0	KALOOKI QUEEN 19 (Miss S Austin) M Channon 7-7	S Maloney (5)	80
14	(14)	00-06	STONE RUN 31 (V) (A Stringer) A Stringer 7-7	—	91

Long handicap: Kalooki Queen 7-6, Stone Run 7-4.
BETTING: 7-2 Our Aisling, 4-1 Fight To Win, 11-2 Sno Marque, 6-1 Subsonic, 8-1 Trojan Envoy, 10-1 Sillars Stalker, 12-1 As Always, 14-1 others.

1990: LUCKY MOON 9-9 Pat Eddery (5-2 fav) J Dunlop 19 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Bastiman	3	10	30.0	S Cauthen	47	189	24.9
L Cumani	11	45	24.4	L Dettori	11	66	16.7
J Dunlop	29	149	19.5	M Wood	3	22	13.6
R Curtis	3	16	18.8	J Reid	16	147	10.9
A Scott	3	17	17.6	K Darley	10	93	10.8
R Houghton	7	41	17.1		(Only qualifiers)		

Sportsworld helps to serve up profitable Piggott treble

From OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

O'Brien: eyeing Arc with Sportsworld

LESTER Piggott, an Epsom absentee on Oaks day, found the Curragh a highly profitable alternative on Saturday, teaming up with Vincent O'Brien for three winners from three rides.

The treble, which paid odds of better than 24-1, was highlighted by the achievement of Sportsworld in retaining an unbeaten record in the group two Windfields Farm Gallinule Stakes.

Sportsworld held a fractional advantage over Runyon in the betting, although the market would have been turned upside down had the Oaks been already decided for Runyon had beaten Jet Ski Lady on their previous encounter at Leopardstown.

It would have been a most misleading pointer for punters though as Runyon was being scrubbed along before the turn into the straight. Although he ran on a bit when he met the better ground, he never shaped like getting into a challenging position against Sportsworld on whom Lester Piggott had made all the running.

At the post there was four lengths between them and another six lengths further back to Blue Daisy, fourth in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, who short-headed the English challenger Widyan for third place.

Classic Thoroughbreds plc have no two-year-olds in training, in what promised to be the company's final season in racing, and thus Sportsworld represents the last opportunity of winning a classic.

O'Brien said afterwards that he would have to let him take his chance in the Budweiser Irish Derby although Piggott had confirmed that he had still a lot to learn. Recalling that he had trained his sire Alleged to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in successive seasons, the Ballydoyle trainer suggested that this was the race that could show Sportsworld to best advantage.

He was bought as a yearling for $300,000 and his capital value has certainly appreciated considerably. In the closing days last week, the shares in Classic Thoroughbreds rose by 15 per cent on the Dublin Stock Exchange.

Runyon, for whom it had been intended to pay an Ir£60,000 supplementary entry fee for the Budweiser Irish Derby, will almost certainly now miss out. A change of plan would only occur if the ground became very soft.

O'Brien produced his first juvenile runner of the season, Robert Sangster's home-bred El Prado in the Jockey Hall Maiden. A beautifully-bred colt by Sadlers' Wells, whose dam Lady Capulet won the Irish 1,000 Guineas first time on a racecourse, El Prado may well live up to his distinguished ancestry for he was very slowly away and still came through to beat Jim Bolger's well-galloped Sceitimini by two-and-a-half lengths.

Royal Ascot ban

Dale Gibson will miss the first three days of Royal Ascot after being found guilty of careless riding at Epsom on Saturday. Gibson was banned for five days (June 17-21) after Loki had been disqualified from fourth place in the Croydex Handicap.

Farthing takes men's title

By BRIAN BEEL

LAST year's champion rider Justin Farthing, although beaten at the Torrington Farmers point-to-point on Saturday on his only ride, by Mike Felton, won the men's title with a total of 26 successes.

Highland Chatter, who did so much to enhance Farthing's cause in the latter part of the season, was, on this occasion, beaten eight lengths by Trust The Gypsy in the open.

Philip Scholfield again occupied the runner-up position with 22 wins, having increased his total by only one, from four rides, Cocaine being successful in the adjacent.

In the maiden at this meeting, a milestone was reached by Ron Treloggen when Silver Zip gave him his twelfth victorythis year, taking his career total to 100.

There was a fitting end to the season at the **Piccadilly Hunt Club** meeting when Alison Dare won the last race on Fennelly to equal the men's winning total for the first time in the history of the sport.

She achieved her 26 winners from only 38 rides and will collect her women's title award for the fourth time at the point-to-point dinner at the Belfrey in November. Coincidentally, Pip Nash, who had no successes during the evening, finished runner-up on the same mark as Scholfield.

Winners had not been easy to find earlier at the meeting. Runners were plentiful and the maiden had to be divided, Trafford Bridge, under Nigel Ridout, won the first division before Flash Cotton and Paul Atkins produced the first shock at 10-1.

David Barlow brought home Instabene at 20-1 in the restricted prior to Terry Holloway landing the open for Caroline Saunders's stable on the 10-1 shot Aherlow.

Romulex started favourite for the ladies open but, although putting up his usual game performance, was beaten into third place in the best finish of the evening by Creeping Jane (Debbie Smith) and Icky's Five (Trelawny Hill), who had made all to the last.

PICCADILLY CLUB (Horcloid). Mdn I: 1, Trafford Bridge (N Ridout, 3-1), 2, Double Light, 3, Trover 12 ran Mdn II 1, Flash Cotton (P Atkins, 10-1), 2, Tep O' Th' Green 3, Syndeborough Lad 11 ran. Rest 1, Instabene (D Barlow, 20-1), 2, Laddie Bollinger 3, Athletes' Week 12 ran Open 1, Aherlow (K Hollowell, 10-1), 2, Lugi's G[illegible] 3, Baloyd 17 ran Ladies 1, Creeping Jane (Mrs D Smith, 7-1), 2, Icky's Five, 3, Romulex 10 ran Novice riders 1, Northern Society (G Burton, 25-1), 2, Money From America; 3, Ballysheehan. 12 ran Area race 1, Fennelly (Miss A Dare, 1-4 fav); 2, Pansy's Daughter; 3, Flag Of Truce. 7 ran

TORRINGTON FARMERS (Umberleigh) Hunt 1, Tijuca (J Young, 4-5 fav). 2, Dark Image; 3, General Billy 3 ran Open. 1, Trust The Gypsy (M Felton, 13-8), 2, Highland Chatter, 3, Strumpetus 5 ran Ladies 1, Master Mondo (Mrs R Vickery, 11-4), fin alone 3 ran. Rest 1, Quadrant Princess (I Dowrick, 10-1); 2, Sleeping For Pine, 3, Tudor Larkabout. 7 ran. Adj. 1, Cocaine (P Scholfield, 5-2), 2, Juvenile Prince; 3, Seasonal Spirit 6 ran Mdn 1, Silver Zip (R Treloggen, 4-1), 2, Wilandro, 3, Handy Jenny. 6 ran.

BRIGHTON

MANDARIN
6.30 Prime Bid. 7.00 Texan Clamour. 7.30 Blue Room. 8.00 Sea Breaker. 8.30 Rock Face. 9.00 Sweet Tassa.

THUNDERER
6.30 Prime Bid. 7.00 Western Loch. 7.30 Helawe. 8.00 Sea Breaker. 8.30 Polistatic. 9.00 Video Wall.

Michael Seely: 9.00 Sweet Tassa.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.30 HELAWE (nap). 9.00 Sweet Tassa.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 EBF DITCHLING MAIDEN
(2-Y-O: £2,412: 6f) (9 runners)

1	0	FRAGONARD 24 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield 5
2	6	JEWELLERY QUARTER 53 W Jarvis 9-0	R Cochrane 6
3		MASTER PLANNER C Cyzer 9-0	T Quinn 8
4	036	PRIME BID 10 R Hannon 9-0	W Carson 2
5	00	SEA CRUSADER 28 M Blanshard 9-0	M Roberts 7
6		BITIAH A Lee 8-9	J Quinn 4
7	58	IM TELLING YOU MR 12 J Ffitch-Heyes 8-9	S Whitworth 1
8	60	MISS DOODY 10 M Channon 8-9	W Newnes 9
9		VERY GOOD P Howling 8-9	J Williams 3

15-8 Prime Bid, 5-2 Jewellery Quarter, 4-1 Miss Doody, 7-1 Fragonard, 14-1 Im Telling You Mr, 16-1 Master Planner, 20-1 others.

7.00 GORING SELLING STAKES
(£2,673: 1m) (17)

1	63-0	BOUNDER ROWE 32 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-7	B Rouse 11
2	0044	COMMANDING OFFICER 6 C Cyzer 4-9-7	M Roberts 5
3		NIGEL LANE 19J J Bridger 4-9-7	N Adams 7
4	0000	SOCKEM 18 (C,F,S) C Williams 4-9-7	R Cochrane 13
5	5040	UNTITLED 79 D Wintle 4-9-7	S Whitworth 2
6	0-02	ERGANA 11 W Holden 4-9-2	B Russell (7) 6
7	-050	GUEST PLAYER 42 (F) D Wintle 4-9-2	N Howe 17
8	00-0	WESTERN LOCH 11 (F) R Hodges 4-9-2	G Duffield 10
9	4005	BIRLING ASHES 11 J Jenkins 3-8-10	J Williams 12
10		DONS-BEST-BOY J Pearce 3-8-10	N Day 16
11	0-00	IL BAMBINO 10 P Cole 3-8-10	T Quinn 3
12	-406	KREISCHIM 32 M Madgwick 3-8-10	A McGlone 4
13	06-3	TEXAN CLAMOUR 142 (D) R Hannon 3-8-10	W Carson 8
14	40-0	CAESARS NIECE 34 M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-5	J Quinn 1
15	0-00	FRIDAYATPISSARRO'S 10 M Channon 3-8-5	W Newnes 9
16	00	STEBECCA 41 (V) J Moore 3-8-5	A Solley 15
17	00	TRUE TO KEEP 23 J Bethell 3-8-5	A Cruz 14

5-2 Western Loch, 5-1 Il Bambino, 7-1 Birling Ashes, Texan Clamour, 10-1 Fridayatpissarro's, Guest Player, 14-1 others.

7.30 FRATSOM ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (£2,976: 7f) (9)

1	-400	AGE OF MIRACLES 34 (C,F,S) C Cyzer 4-10-0	W Newnes 2
2	4-12	HELAWE 11 (B,CD,F,G) M Prescott 8-9-4	G Duffield 9
3	0-02	BLUE ROOM 12 (CD,F) R Akehurst 4-9-0	T Quinn 8
4	1000	JUVENARA 18 (C,F) R Hodges 5-8-12	W Carson 3
5	0-30	CORRIN HILL 21 (D,F) B Hills 4-8-10	D Holland (3) 7
6	0000	MORY KANTE 20 (D,G,S) John FitzGerald 4-7-13	T Williams 4
7	4330	MURMURING 16 S Dow 5-7-13	Dale Gibson 1
8	4203	PLEASURE AHEAD 11 M Channon 4-7-7	J Quinn 5
9	00-4	MALLAU 11 (D,F) L Holt 5-7-7	N Adams 6

11-4 Juvenara, 4-1 Blue Room, Helawe, 11-2 Mallau, 8-1 Murmuring. 10-1 Pleasure Ahead, 16-1 Age Of Miracles, 20-1 others.

8.00 MARINA MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 1m 4f) (7)

1	52	MARKED CARD 21 (BF) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts 1
2	-300	NAN'S BOY 18 J Ffitch-Heyes 9-0	T Williams 4
3	2	SEA BREAKER 14 G Harwood 9-0	R Cochrane 2
4	6	VASILIEV 13 R Hannon 9-0	W Carson 7
5	00	LOCH DERG LASS 37 R Simpson 8-9	A Tucker (5) 6
6	4	LYPHARD'S SONG 14 N Graham 8-9	T Quinn 3
7	0	SUPER DELIGHT 35 P Walwyn 8-9	A Cruz 5

8-11 Sea Breaker, 100-30 Vasiliev, 7-2 Marked Card, 12-1 Super Delight, 14-1 Lyphard's Song, 33-1 Loch Derg Lass, Nan's Boy.

8.30 MADEIRA HANDICAP
(£2,967: 1m 4f) (11)

1	114-	ROCK FACE 278 (CD,BF,F) M Prescott 4-10-0	G Duffield 7
2	-400	OUT OF FUNDS 18 (B) R Simpson 5-9-8	R Cochrane 2
3	120-	CLASS ACT 202 (CD,F) J Hills 5-9-4	M Hills 4
4	0-04	TAWJIH 16 M Madgwick 4-8-5	A McGlone 1
5	4-03	MATTER OF LAW 10 C Cyzer 4-8-4	W Newnes 6
6	0034	THIN RED LINE 16 (V,C,F,G) J Jenkins 7-8-3	M Roberts 5
7	00-0	GULFLAND 14 (D,F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 10-8-0	Karen Cogley (7) 11
8	0034	POLISTATIC 6 (BF) C Horgan 4-7-11	Dale Gibson 10
9	4326	GREAT HAND 13 (F) D Wilson 5-7-11	S O'Gorman (3) 8
10	0000	YARRA GLEN 13 M Muggeridge 4-7-7	J Quinn 3
11	0040	SAN ROQUE 8 (F) D Wilson 6-7-7	N Adams 9

7-2 Rock Face, 5-1 Gulfland, Thin Red Line, 11-2 Class Act, 8-1 Out Of Funds, 10-1 Matter Of Law, Polistatic, 12-1 others.

9.00 BRIGHTON SPRING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,456: 6f) (6)

1	2303	SWEET SOUL DREAM 6 D Laing 9-7	T Williams 4
2	0003	VIDEO WALL 6 R Smyth 9-3	S Whitworth 1
3	3022	ZONINA 28 (BF) R Hannon 9-0	W Carson 2
4	-002	SWEET TASSA 6 (B) C Wall 8-13	R Cochrane 6
5	4-00	EURO MARK 18 M Madgwick 8-10	T Quinn 5
6	3006	DOSHA 16 R O'Sullivan 8-5	D Biggs (5) 3

7-4 Zonina, 3-1 Video Wall, 4-1 Sweet Tassa, 6-1 Sweet Soul Dream, 8-1 Euro Mark, 10-1 Dosha.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 16 winners from 41 runners, 39.0%; M Prescott, 17 from 49, 34.7%; G Harwood, 36 from 104, 34.6%, B Hills, 9 from 45, 20.0%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 9 from 60, 15.0%; D Laing, 10 from 68, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 25 winners from 100 rides, 25.0%; G Duffield, 19 from 99, 19.2%, W Carson, 41 from 225, 18.2%; M Hills, 9 from 50, 18.0%, R Cochrane, 21 from 132, 15.9%; T Quinn, 30 from 212, 14.2%.

Blinkered first time

PONTEFRACT: 4.15 Apache Prince, Laharna Girl. NOTTINGHAM: 4.00 Chianina, Quiet So. 4.30 Katy's Pet. 5.00 Stone Run. BRIGHTON: 7.00 Stebecca. 8.30 Out Of Funds.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom

2.15 1, Surley Sparkle (8-1); 2, Burslem Joy (7-2 fav); 3, Roslatoes (9-2). 9 ran.
2.45 1, Memsahb (2-1); 2, Affair Of State (7-4 fav); 3, Lady Sabo (20-1). 6 ran.
3.15 1, Caroles Express (6-1); 2, Amwag (13-2); 3, Eltasiah (4-1). Abdicate 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Neroli.
4.05 GOLD SEAL OAKS - FOR RESULT SEE FACING PAGE
4.40 1, Dominion Gold (15-2); 2, Bellefan (8-1); 3, Fraer (12-1). Paper Dart 5-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Hajaim.
5.10 1, Maraatib (8-1); 2, Corn Futures (5-1); 3, Sarcita (11-4 jt-fav). Terrhars 11-4 jt-fav. 6 ran.
5.40 1, Fishin' Tackle (9-1); 2, Mahfil (4-1 fav); 3, Seal Indigo (15-2) 10 ran.

Haydock Park

2.00 1, Take Two (9-4 fav); 2, Falcons Dawn (11-1); 3, Regent Lad (13-2). 10 ran.
2.30 1, Nikitas (16-1); 2, Matador (4-1); 3, One For The Pot (9-4 fav). 7 ran.
3.00 1, Swordsmith (11-4); 2, Norton Challenger (9-1); 3, Takaddum (5-2 fav). 8 ran. NR: Heard A Whisper.
3.30 1, Corcina (20-1); 2, Exclusive Virtue (8-1); 3, Kiveton Kabooz (6-1). Westholme 7-2 fav. 10 ran.
4.00 1, Lombard Ocean (14-1); 2, Petite-D-Argent (5-1); 3, Manuleader (14-1). Bridle Talk 4-1 fav. 14 ran.
4.30 1, Calachuchi (7-1); 2, Massi Mara (11-4 fav); 3, Light Hand (5-1). 19 ran. NR: Shikari Kid.

Catterick Bridge

2.25 1, Timid (7-4 fav); 2, Copper River (7-1); 3, The Yomper (10-1). 11 ran.
2.55 1, Fair Cop (4-6 fav); 2, Greetland Folly (25-1); 3, Echo-Logical (6-1). 5 ran.
3.25 1, Tongadin (5-1); 2, Eastern Whisper (20-1); 3, Come To Terms (10-1). Triplicate 7-2 fav. 13 ran
3.55 1, Turbulent River (4-11 fav); 2, Green's Le Sidener (15-2), 3, Blues Belldar (8-1). 7 ran.
4.25 1, Balletomane (8-11 fav); 2, Tanz (7-2), 3, Bashoosh (16-1). 6 ran.
4.55 1, Sandmoor Denim (25-1); 2, Say You Will (10-1); 3, Baton Boy (33-1); 4, Travelling Blues (8-1) Sky Cat 11-4 fav. 16 ran.

Leicester

6.45 1, Grammos (4-5 fav); 2, John Shaw (2-1); 3, Always Allied (7-1). 11 ran.
7.15 1, Planning Ahead (11-8 fav); 2, Angel Train (25-1); 3, Kalabridge (50-1). 17 ran. NR: Ricketty, Naseby, Tootsie Wootsie.
7.45 1, Sassy Lassy (16-1); 2, Madonetta (8-1); 3, Relentless Pursuit (7-1). Shilton 9-2 fav. 12 ran.
8.15 1, Bernstein Bette (13-2); 2, Thatchenna (6-1); 3, Mapato (20-1). 4, Long Lane Lady (20-1), Klairover, Beaumont's Keep 5-1 jt-favs. 16 ran.
8.45 1, Castilian Queen (4-7 fav); 2, Miss Hyde (14-1); 3, Nashville Blues (14-1) 12 ran
9.15 1, Ratify (50-1); 2, Lofty Lady (11-4); 3, Helen's Bower (11-10 fav). 10 ran.

Carlisle

6.30 1, Ganaar (7-2); 2, Killinghall (11-2); 3, Crofter's Cline (3-1). Battle Of Flowers 5-2 fav 5 ran.
7.00 1, Stand At Ease (12-1); 2, Nao Faz Mal (4-1); 3, Orchanda (4-1). Acquisition 7-2 fav. 11 ran.
7.30 1, Filicaia (11-2); 2, Hinari Hi Fi (13-2); 3, J Cheever Loophole (7-1). Jive Music 9-4 fav. 8 ran.
8.00 1, Elegant Friend (8-11 fav); 2, Dominie Star (2-1); 3, Almasaeh (4-1). 4 ran.
8.30 1, Talbarno Boy (6-5); 2, Super Marco (14-1); 3, Kick On Majestic (Evens fav). 5 ran.
9.00 1, Azubah (5-1); 2, Commanche Guest (13-8 fav); 3, Amood Point (9-2) 4 ran

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
J Berry	61	43	44	0	-3.57
B Hills	33	28	22	0	+34.54
C Brittain	28	24	20	3	+2.34
M Stoute	26	16	15	1	-31.16
P Cole	25	11	18	0	-25.27
H Cecil	25	18	15	0	-23.96
R Hannon	24	28	23	2	-161.11
J Gosden	24	15	18	0	-19.82
T Barron	22	25	21	8	-8.17

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pat Eddery	48	45	23	2	-73.21
W Carson	45	34	39	1	-36.11
M Roberts	39	42	34	17	-56.29
A Munro	38	35	34	11	-20.28
J Carroll	35	27	23	5	-21.89
D McKeown	35	25	31	2	-118.04
B Raymond	33	16	23	7	-0.88
W Swinburn	31	28	29	14	-41.46
D Holland	29	19	17	2	-55.35

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CRICKET

Somerset fail to match modest target for victory

By RICHARD STREETON

TRENT BRIDGE (Somerset won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Somerset by four runs

THIS showdown match between the two sides setting the pace in the Refuge Assurance League could have gone either way yesterday almost to the end. Somerset, needing to make 181, required 14 from the final over but managed only nine in an exciting finish.

It was the third time this season in a home match that Nottinghamshire have successfully defended a relatively modest total after batting first. Throughout, batsmen found it hard to make strokes on a slow pitch. By the time Somerset batted, heavy black clouds had built up and the light was poor.

Harden refused to be daunted as his colleagues failed, though, as Nottinghamshire bowled tightly and took some fine catches. Harden was splendidly supported by Hayhurst, who came in with Somerset 88 for five. They rekindled their team's chances with a stand of 68 in 11 overs before Hayhurst was caught behind.

Lefebvre was run out from the first ball as Evans began the final over. Harden and Mallender did their best, but ten were wanted from the last two balls and a single by Harden and a snicked four by Mallender was all that Nottinghamshire conceeded. Harden finished 79 not out, his highest score in the league.

For Nottinghamshire this was their sixth consecutive win which, surprisingly, was their first against Somerset in any one-day competition on this ground. Until Harden struck the ball positively, Somerset had fallen well behind the necessary run-rate as wickets tumbled.

Cook was beaten by Stephenson's slower ball and Bartlett holed out to long-on. Tavare mis-hooked and was held at short leg and Burns was well caught at deep third man by Broad. MacLeay gave Hemmings a return catch, which the bowler took brilliantly with his left hand and the reviving stand between Harden and Hayhurst got under way. Nottinghamshire earlier were never allowed to capitalise on a steady foundation. Broad, Randall and Johnson, the first three in the order, all have Sunday averages this year of more than 50.00. On this occasion, though, none of them stayed after getting a good sight of the ball.

The score was only 125 for two after 30 overs and with an acceleration badly needed, Robinson ran himself out. MacLeay followed with a three for five spell in 11 balls, and without several firmly struck hits by the left-handed Saxelby at the end, Nottinghamshire's total could have been meagre.

Boundaries were always infrequent as Broad and Randall began with 80 in 20 overs. Broad then lifted an on-drive that Harden at mid-wicket covered a lot of ground to hold.

Randall swung fatally across the line, Robinson was run out as he tried to steal a single to Tavaré at mid-on.

MacLeay's first victim was Johnson, who seemed surprised to be given out caught behind as he tried to cut. Crawley then gave a return catch and Stephenson drove one to mid-off. Saxelby, however, swung his bat freely until Lefebvre, with the last ball of the innings, had him leg-before.

American flavour

Bucharest (Reuter) — Romania had its first taste of American football yesterday when more than 5,000 people watched a demonstration game between teams drawn from local soccer and rugby players. The game came complete with rock music and majorettes.

Exempt move

Sheffield Eagles and Warrington want first division clubs exempt from the preliminary rounds of Rugby League's two big trophies.

Grey day for Lancashire

By IVO TENNANT

DESERVED or not, Manchester has a reputation for rainy weather. If a cricket ground is sited only a few miles from a mountain range, this is perhaps only to be expected. The weather led to the abandonment of Lancashire's Refuge Assurance Sunday League match against Glamorgan on a day when they would have been particularly keen to finish their match.

For Nottinghamshire, the leaders, had their difficulties before they beat Somerset. Lancashire would have reckoned on winning yesterday because Glamorgan have yet to record a victory in the competition this season.

What occurred was not only rain. Glamorgan made a notable score, 174 for four from 27 overs, Morris striking a cavalier 66 and Holmes an undefeated half-century. The match was further reduced, Lancashire needing 129 off 20 overs, but only eight of these were possible.

There was batting of similar note at Ilford, where Essex made 250 for six from a full 40 overs against Worcestershire. Salim Malik again personified consistency, making 89, and Stephenson struck 67. Botham returned to county cricket here, 16 days after damaging his hamstring. His figures were highly creditable, given the heavy scoring: 7-1-39-2. Radford's eight overs went for 67.

Botham then struck 33 before being dismissed by Andrew. Worcestershire have the best run rate of the counties — marginally superior to that of Lancashire — and would have wanted to beat Essex before their cup semi-final on Wednesday, but in spite of Curtis making 46, and runs towards the end of the innings by Neale, their captain, they were 35 short of victory.

There was an abandonment, too, at the aptly named Moreton-in-Marsh, where Gloucestershire faced just one ball in their match against Northamptonshire. In the south-east, though, there was a full day's play at Uxbridge, where Leicestershire convincingly beat Middlesex, and Basingstoke, where Sussex had the measure of Hampshire, winning by 14 runs.

Greenfield played a mature match-winning unbeaten innings of 78 — his first half-century in this competition, his runs coming off 88 balls and including eight fours — and there were more wickets for Pigott, five for 30 runs. His victims included Gower for a duck.

Sussex were at one stage 59 for six in this match, after being put in. This was Hampshire's fourth successive Sunday defeat.

At Uxbridge, Lewis, who was not fit enough to be included by for England last week, returned figures of 6-1-14-2. His bowling contributed to Leicestershire's 73-run win over a Middlesex side which managed only 129 for nine in 40 overs. Brown was top scorer with 40.

For Leicestershire, Briers contributed 44 and Benson 42.

Weather strikes to deny Derby

By PETER BALL

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Derbyshire on faster scoring rate

AFTER suffering their fourth successive defeat, Derbyshire's hopes of retaining their Refuge Assurance championship have surely gone. Truncated matches are never satisfactory and they will look back on yesterday's game at Chesterfield as a harsh way to lose it, for, if the game had run the full course, they seemed likely winners.

The idea that the game would run its full course had seemed unlikely before the start with rain all around, but when the covers were removed, sun had replaced the clouds, and it stayed long enough for Surrey to bat through their 40 overs without interruption.

The foundation of Surrey's innings was the partnership of 119 in 22 overs between Bicknell and Stewart. Surrey had begun slowly, with only 25 runs in the first eight overs, when Lynch fell to a sprawling catch by Bowler, and, with Stewart initially feeling his way, the partnership was slow to take off as Base bowled a tight opening spell.

The introduction of Goldsmith and Folley loosened the shackles, but a slow outfield still restricted the boundaries. Bicknell hit only four in his 50 off 71 balls, and the more aggressive Stewart managed the same number at the rather quicker rate of 51 balls.

They had just begun to cut loose in earnest when the end came abruptly as Base came back for his one remaining over. Stewart, who had escaped a caught and bowled at 38, was bowled off his body by a slower ball, essaying a big pull.

Bicknell followed before another run was added, dragging a ball from the promising Cork on to his stumps, and when Thorpe fell in the same over, Surrey were in some danger of frittering away their frugally-acquired inheritance. Greig, Feltham and Robinson all played useful cameos to push the score beyond respectability.

Derbyshire began with rather more of a flourish, Barnett driving splendidly and Bowler savaging Feltham for two sixes in three balls, the second an extravagant shot flat-batted over extra cover. Feltham did not look amused.

Although Barnett went quickly, O'Gorman replaced him effectively, and Derbyshire seemed to be pacing themselves satisfactorily as they reached 95 in 20 overs.

The gathering clouds, however, added an extra element to the equation and as the rain came, they were behind the scoring rate. When play resumed, the target had been reduced to 151 in 27 overs, or 51 in six overs and three balls. Nine runs came from four balls before the rain returned.

The new target was 129, or 20 runs off 11 balls. Against Waqar and Murphy, it was asking too much.

Sturdy defiance: Derek Pringle turns to leg during his invaluable seventh-wicket stand of 98 with Graham Gooch at Headingley yesterday. Report on page 36

Somerset revel in Donald's absence

By IVO TENNANT

GIVEN the unseasonal weather these last few weeks, it is perhaps not surprising that several fast and medium-fast bowlers are pulling muscles of one kind or another. When Warwickshire had to make do without Allan Donald through a stomach strain on Saturday, their lead of the county championship table looked tenuous.

As his figures have shown this season, he is vital to Warwickshire's cause. In such cricket as was played at Edgbaston, Somerset prospered in his absence, Cook and Roebuck putting on 140 for the first wicket. Donald has taken 35 wickets at 13.20 apiece, the kind of bowling which wins championships - if fitness prevails.

The best cricket on Saturday, the second day of this latest round of three-day matches, was to be seen at venues where teams less well placed were performing.

At Chesterfield, Warner took four wickets and Mortensen three as **Glamorgan** were bowled out by **Derbyshire** for 184. There was another half-century by Morris, his sixth in seven championship innings. Inevitably, his supporters are querying the time spent by the England selection committee and their assessors in Wales this season.

At Tunbridge Wells, Kent have problems. They were bowled out for 220 by **Sussex**, Pigott taking four for 75. What was more, he, too, had a strain. There was a half-century here by Marsh, to add to his eight catches in an innings and century against Middlesex last week.

In their second match of Ilford week, Essex are struggling. They were 255 for nine at the end of a truncated day, **Worcestershire** having declared at 350 for nine. Garnham was undefeated with 68, Seymour in his third championship match made 67 and Salim Malik a dazzling 37, but this was not enough.

Morgan is Eton rock

ETON accelerated sufficiently in the last ten overs to win a dour struggle against Harrow in their 156th meeting at Lord's on Saturday (George Chesterton writes). Eton prevailed by three wickets with three balls remaining.

Dunning and Larken consolidated after two early Eton wickets, until Larken was bowled trying to loft a second six over the short mid-wicket boundary. Morgan, a South African, then displayed sound defence and played strokes all round the wicket. He was bowled with two runs required.

Hawkins nearly rescued the match for Harrow with sustained spells of accurate medium-pace bowling supported by athletic fielding.

Earlier, Amies pitched his outswingers well up to have four Harrow wickets. Whittington, his captain, gave plenty of air to his slow left-arm spin and deserved his three victims.

The left-handed Hill, in scoring 54, was particularly severe on anything short.

SCORES: Harrow 142 (C G Hill 54; Amies 4-33, Whittington 3-41), Eton 143 for 7, (P G Morgan 45; M M J Hawkins 5-50).

POLO

Brothers inspire Ellerston White

By JOHN WATSON

THE Dunhill-sponsored high-goal Queen's Cup, which has been closely and fiercely challenged during the past three weeks, was won at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday by Kerry Packer's Ellerston White, who claimed an 11-5 victory against Anthony Embiricos's Tramontana over the standard six chukkas. The prize has been contested on the grounds of six different centres by 18 teams divided into three leagues.

In the match for the subsidiary prize, the Prince of Wales Trophy, sponsored by Davidof and challenged at the Royal Berkshire Club last Saturday, Brian Morrison's Munnipore beat John Horswell's all-British side, Sladmore, 7-6, both teams having suffered very narrow defeats in the semi-finals. Alfa Romeo beat C. S. Brooks 9-7 to secure the Davidof trophy.

In the most entertaining duel of the weekend — for the Alfred Dunhill Trophy — Galen Weston's Maple Leafs beat Norman Lobel's Hildon by 11 goals to nine.

Kerry Packer's original triumph was enrolling the dynamic Pieres brothers to form the centrepiece of his Ellerston line-up. England has, perhaps, not seen such a rapport between two players as the understanding between these two Argentinians yesterday. They were also mounted from what must be the most formidable string of polo ponies ever stabled here.

Tramontana, who were British champions for four successive years in the late 1980s, themselves compose a brilliant foursome, based on a Mexican pair whose names are a polo legend, Antonio Herrera and Carlos Gracida. Few officionados could have prophecied the rout inflicted on them yesterday, which spoke volumes for the fight which Sladmore gave Ellerston in the semi-finals.

Also on the Ellerston side, due credit is owed to Packer himself, a relatively slow yet dependable back, and to the grossly under-handicapped Alastair Archibald, who contributed three fine goals.

Perhaps the most spectacular goal of the match was that lofted home from the sideboards at a range of 60 yards by Gracida. He hit it from the saddle of Embiricos's bay mare, Tonga, who went on to win the prize for "the best pony in the match". The Rosenthal Trophy for "the best turned out team" went to Tramontana.

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, A Archibald (1); 2, A Pieres (10); 3, G Pieres (10); back, K Packer (1).
TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embiricos (3), 2, A Herrera (7); 3, C Gracida (10); back, A Buchanan (2).
MUNNIPORE: 1, B Morrison (3); 2, B Heguy (8); 3, E Heguy (10); back, P Scott (1).
SLADMORE: 1, W Lucas (6); 2, A Seavill (5); 3, J Horswell (6); back, J Lucas (5).
MAPLE LEAFS: 1, R Guttridge (4); 2, J J Celis (6); 3, M Gracida (10); back, G Weston (2).
HILDON: 1, N Lobel (1); 2, T Fernandez Lorente (8); 3, H Hipwood (9), back, J Wade (4)

HOCKEY

England waste chances

England	2
Canada	2

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

ENGLAND squandered a 2-0 lead over Canada at Bisham Abbey yesterday, in sharp contrast to their scoring spree on the previous day, when they won 6-0 at the same venue.

Hopes of another runaway victory were raised yesterday when Kerly converted a short corner in the third minute and Williams added to the score from Laslett's through-pass. Canada, however, retaliated quickly with a goal by Griffiths from a short corner and another by Milkovich three minutes before half-time.

Whereas Canada's teamwork improved, England's play declined and they made numerous mistakes in defence. Boyd, the Canada outside left, slipped through a gap in the 59th minute and set up a chance for Gifford, whose lunging stick failed to make contact. He had just returned from temporary suspension for a questionable tackle.

Both Potter and Batchelor were on the sidelines yesterday nursing slight injuries, but Mayer survived his fitness test and came on as a substitute for England yesterday, after scoring twice on Saturday. Kerly, with two goals from short corners, Laslett and Grimley, from a penalty stroke, were the other scorers.

England leave for Paris today for the European championship. They play their first match on Wednesday against Wales.

ENGLAND: D Luckes; D Faulkner, P Bolland, J Halls, J Laslett, M Grimley, D Williams, J Shaw, S Kerly, R Garcia (sub: E Nell), N Thompson (sub: C Mayer).
CANADA: D Anorum; G Cholakis, R Griffiths, B Sandhu, P Milkovich, R Edamura, C Gifford, R Rutledge, D Knapp, G Manwaring, T Boyd.
Umpires: B Lowe (Wales) and B Craylord (Wales).

☐ Scotland were beaten 4-1 by Egypt at Bathgate on Saturday, their second defeat in a three-match series of internationals.

Egypt outclassed the Scots in the first half and Mohamed Said, Gamal Abdulla, with two, and Magdy Abdulla, his brother, scored goals before Andrew Hay cut the deficit in the fiftieth minute.

SATURDAY'S BRITANNIC COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Hants v Gloucs

SOUTHAMPTON *(second day of three): Hampshire have scored 256 for eight wickets against Gloucestershire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Wright b Lawrence	27
*C L Smith c Williams b Gilbert	61
K D James c Babington b Smith	14
V P Terry lbw b Babington	19
D I Gower c Lloyds b Gilbert	28
R M F Cox c Hodgson b Babington	15
†A N Aymes not out	38
R J Maru c Williams b Smith	20
K J Shine lbw b Smith	0
P J Bakker not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 19, nb 4)	28
Total (8 wkts, 84 overs)	256

Aqib Javed to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-104, 3-131, 4-145, 5-172, 6-190, 7-241, 8-241
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: G D Hodgson, J J E Hardy, *A J Wright, C W J Athey, M W Alleyne, J W Lloyds, D R Gilbert, †R C J Williams, D V Lawrence, M A Smith and A M Babington
Bonus points: Hampshire 3, Gloucestershire 3
Umpires: R Julian and B Dudleston

Middlesex v Leics

UXBRIDGE *(second day of three): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 86 runs ahead of Middlesex*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 291 (B F Smith 54, N F Williams 4 for 79)

Second Innings

T J Boon not out	22
*N E Briers not out	21
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 1)	4
Total (no wkt)	47

P N Hepworth, J J Whitaker, L Potter, B F Smith, P Willey, †P Whitticase, D J Millns, C Wilkinson and J N Maguire to bat.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

I J F Hutchinson c Whitticase b Maguire	12
M A Roseberry not out	119
*M W Gatting c Willey b Wilkinson	6
K R Brown lbw b Millns	30
M Keech c Millns b Willey	16
J E Emburey lbw b Millns	24
N F Williams not out	19
Extras (b 6, lb 3, nb 17)	26
Total (5 wkts dec, 92.4 overs)	252

†P Farbrace, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell and R M Ellcock did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-64, 3-106, 4-146, 5-200
BOWLING: Millns 21-5-95-2; Maguire 29-8-70-1; Wilkinson 25-5-41-1; Willey 17.4-6-37-1
Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Leicestershire 5.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R C Tolchard

Warks v Somerset

EDGBASTON *(second day of three): Somerset, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 177 runs behind Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Burns b MacLeay	16
J D Ratcliffe c Bartlett b Hayhurst	29
*T A Lloyd c Hayhurst b Graveney	62
D P Ostler c Burns b Graveney	59
D A Reeve c MacLeay b Graveney	82
S J Green not out	77
R G Twose not out	1
Extras (b 10, lb 15, w 6, nb 2)	33
Total (5 wkts dec)	359

Score after 100 overs: 316-4
†K J Piper, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-59, 3-172, 4-205, 5-357.
BOWLING: Mallender 16-4-29-0; Lefebvre 26-5-57-0; MacLeay 27-3-87-1; Hayhurst 14-3-67-1; Graveney 23-1-114-3.

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook not out	80
P M Roebuck c Piper b Munton	60
A N Hayhurst c Piper b Reeve	18
R J Harden not out	10
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 1)	14
Total (2 wkts, 60 overs)	182

*C J Tavaré, R J Bartlett, †N D Burns, K H MacLeay, R P Lefebvre, N A Mallender and D A Graveney to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-140, 2-167.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Somerset 2
Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer

Kent v Sussex

TUNBRIDGE WELLS *(second day of three): Sussex have a first-innings lead of 109 runs against Kent*

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith c Davis b Igglesden	48
J W Hall c Marsh b Igglesden	5
N J Lenham c Fleming b Igglesden	137
A P Wells c Benson b Igglesden	107
*P W G Parker c Fleming b Davis	20
C M Wells c Taylor b Davis	3
†P Moores not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total (6 wkts dec, 99.3 overs)	329

A I C Dodemaide, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury and A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-70, 3-305, 4-312, 5-328, 6-329.
BOWLING: Merrick 8-0-36-0; Igglesden 24-4-68-4; Ellison 20-5-72-0; McCague 10-1-44-0; Fleming 18-7-39-0; Davis 19.3-3-62-2.

KENT: First Innings

N R Taylor c Moores b Pigott	52
*M R Benson c Lenham b Dodemaide	4
T R Ward b C M Wells	13
G R Cowdrey c Pigott b Jones	16
M V Fleming c Dodemaide b Jones	0
R M Ellison c Moores b Pigott	4
†S A Marsh b Pigott	50
R P Davis c Moores b Dodemaide	44
M J McCague c A P Wells b Pigott	2
T A Merrick b C M Wells	10
A P Igglesden not out	16
Extras (lb 7, w 2)	9
Total (88.3 overs)	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-38, 3-84, 4-84, 5-91, 6-92, 7-168, 8-170, 9-186.
BOWLING: Jones 17-1-41-2; Dodemaide 14.3-6-25-2; Pigott 22-5-75-4, C M Wells 23-7-48-2. Salisbury 12-5-24-0.
Bonus points: Kent 4, Sussex 8
Umpires: D J Constant and B Hassan.

Essex v Worcs

ILFORD *(second day of three): Essex, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 95 runs behind Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Foster	2
G J Lord c Stephenson b Topley	85
T M Moody b Andrew	10
D B D'Oliveira c Andrew b Topley	25
*P A Neale b Foster	28
M J Weston c Garnham b Topley	5
†S J Rhodes b Childs	64
R K Illingworth b Malik	19
P J Newport c Hussain b Foster	12
S R Lampitt not out	58
N V Radford not out	7
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 5, nb 17)	35
Total (9 wkts dec)	350

Score after 100 overs: 293-8
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-19, 3-82, 4-141, 5-149, 6-182, 7-229, 8-248, 9-331.
BOWLING: Andrew 28-6-86-1; Foster 36-4-8-102-3; Topley 21-4-77-3; Childs 16-6-44-1; Stephenson 4-2-9-0; Salim Malik 4-1-19-1.

ESSEX: First Innings

J P Stephenson lbw b Radford	0
A C Seymour c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	67
P J Prichard c Rhodes b Newport	9
Salim Malik c Moody b Radford	37
N Hussain c Moody b Radford	8
N Shahid c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	15
†M A Garnham not out	68
*N A Foster c Moody b Newport	32
T D Topley lbw b Radford	3
S J W Andrew b Radford	0
J H Childs not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 5)	14
Total (9 wkts, 81.4 overs)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-11, 3-68, 4-95, 5-142, 6-145, 7-215, 8-234, 9-246.
Bonus points: Essex 6, Worcestershire 7.
Umpires: D O Oslear and A G T Whitehead.

Derbys v Glamorgan

CHESTERFIELD *(second day of three): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs ahead of Glamorgan*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 259 (S R Barwick 4 for 61, M Frost 4 for 84)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett not out	49
P D Bowler c and b Foster	15
J E Morris not out	25
Extras (lb 3, nb 5)	8
Total (1 wkt)	97

M Azharuddin, T J G O'Gorman, C J Adams, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, A E Warner, S J Base and O H Mortensen to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-49.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher c Cork b Base	32
H Morris c Base b Warner	50
M P Maynard c Krikken b Warner	8
R J Shastri c Krikken b Warner	2
I Smith c Krikken b Base	4
A Dale c Krikken b Warner	12
R D B Croft c O'Gorman b Mortensen	0
†C P Metson c Adams b Cork	34
S R Barwick b Mortensen	13
D J Foster c Bowler b Mortensen	0
M Frost not out	8
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 11)	21
Total (71.3 overs)	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-85, 3-95, 4-105, 5-127, 6-127, 7-127, 8-172, 9-172.
BOWLING: Mortensen 21-7-40-3; Cork 11.3-1-37-1; Base 15-0-56-2; Warner 24-10-42-4.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 7, Glamorgan 5.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and B J Meyer.

Other match

Oxford U v Lancs

THE PARKS *(second day of three): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 141 runs behind Oxford University*

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R Montgomerie c Titchard b Yates	24
R E Morris lbw b Sharp	15
C Gupte run out	23
G Lovell lbw b Martin	1
*G J Turner not out	101
†D Sandiford b Fitton	0
D Pfaff c Stanworth b Martin	20
H R Davies c Yates b Fitton	4
P S Gerrans not out	17
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 10)	17
Total (7 wkts dec)	222

J E Oppenheimer and B S Wood did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-50, 3-51, 4-64, 5-110, 6-159 7-182.
BOWLING: Martin 24-8-47-2; Sharp 15-7-21-1; Irani 19-3-50-0; Yates 22-8-55-1; Fitton 19-6-42-2.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

N J Speak not out	30
T M Orrell b Wood	5
S P Titchard run out	39
T E Jesty not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 1)	3
Total (2 wkts)	81

J D Fitton, G Yates, R Irani, P J Martin, *†J Stanworth, M A Sharpe and M Ward to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-72.
Umpires: A A Jones and K E Palmer.

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YESTERDAY'S REFUGE ASSURANCE SCOREBOARDS

Middlesex v Leics

UXBRIDGE *(Middlesex won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 73 runs*

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon lbw b Cowans	4
*N E Briers run out	44
P N Hepworth b Hughes	1
C C Lewis st Farbrace b Weekes	10
B F Smith c Gatting b Emburey	33
P Willey c Emburey b Hutchinson	10
J D R Benson run out	42
†P Whitticase b Emburey	1
C Wilkinson not out	35
D J Millns c Farbrace b Hughes	5
J N Maguire not out	0
Extras (lb 9, w 6, nb 2)	17
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-17, 3-41, 4-98, 5-118, 6-153, 7-156, 8-157, 9-191.
BOWLING: Cowans 8-0-30-1; Hughes 8-0-29-2; Williams 8-0-40-0; Weekes 8-0-45-1; Emburey 8-0-39-2; Hutchinson 2-0-10-1.

MIDDLESEX

I J F Hutchinson lbw b Lewis	0
M A Roseberry b Maguire	1
*M W Gatting lbw b Millns	16
K R Brown c Hepworth b Benson	40
M Keech run out	20
P N Weekes lbw b Maguire	20
J E Emburey b Willey	2
N F Williams c Millns b Benson	1
†P Farbrace not out	14
S P Hughes c Wilkinson b Lewis	4
N G Cowans not out	0
Extras (lb 8, w 3, nb 2)	11
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	129

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-39, 4-82, 5-87, 6-91, 7-100, 8-119, 9-128.
BOWLING: Lewis 8-1-14-2; Maguire 8-2-16-2; Millns 6-0-27-1; Wilkinson 4-0-18-0; Willey 8-0-22-1; Benson 8-0-26-2.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R C Tolchard.

Hampshire v Sussex

BASINGSTOKE *(Hampshire won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Hampshire by 14 runs*

SUSSEX

N J Lenham b Connor	9
*P W G Parker c Terry b Connor	1
A P Wells c Gower b Javed	1
M P Speight c Udal b Javed	7
K Greenfield not out	78
C M Wells c and b Ayling	16
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Ayling	0
†P Moores b Udal	33
A C S Pigott c Gower b Connor	4
I D K Salisbury c Gower b Connor	2
A N Jones not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 4, nb 1)	18
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-8, 3-18, 4-18, 5-59, 6-59, 7-136, 8-150, 9-159.
BOWLING: Connor 8-0-29-4; Aqib Javed 8-2-18-2; Tremlett 8-0-33-0; Ayling 8-1-41-2; Udal 8-0-40-1

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry lbw b Pigott	42
T C Middleton c Speight b Jones	8
J R Wood c Jones b Pigott	38
D I Gower c C M Wells b Pigott	0
*M C J Nicholas b Jones	23
J R Ayling c and b Salisbury	7
†A N Aymes lbw b Jones	5
T M Tremlett c Pigott b Salisbury	8
S D Udal c Moores b Pigott	3
C A Connor b Pigott	2
Aqib Javed not out	4
Extras (lb 10, w 6, nb 1)	17
Total (39. 1 overs)	158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-94, 3-97, 4-106, 5-132, 6-138, 7-143, 8-151, 9-151.
BOWLING: Dodemaide 8-0-20-0; Jones 8-0-33-3; C M Wells 8-0-32-0; Pigott 7.1-1-30-5; Salisbury 8-1-33-2.
Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.

Lancs v Glamorgan

OLD TRAFFORD *(Lancashire won toss): No result. Lancashire (2pts) drew with Glamorgan (2)*

GLAMORGAN

*H Morris b Austin	66
M P Maynard lbw b Akram	19
G C Holmes not out	50
I Smith b Austin	23
M J Cann b Akram	2
J Derrick not out	4
Extras (b 7, lb 1, nb 2)	10
Total (4 wkts, 27 overs)	174

A Dale, †C P Metson, S J Dennis, M Frost and S R Barwick did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-124, 3-163, 4-167.
BOWLING: Martin 4-0-19-0; Allott 6-1-26-0; Wasim Akram 7-0-46-2; Watkinson 5-0-43-0; Austin 5-0-33-2.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c sub b Derrick	11
G Fowler not out	38
G D Lloyd not out	4
Total (1 wkt, 8.2 overs)	53

N H Fairbrother, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, †W K Hegg, P J Martin, *D P Hughes, I D Austin and P J W Allott did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-40.
BOWLING: Dennis 2-0-13-0; Frost 2-0-9-0; Derrick 2.2-0-17-1; Barwick 2-0-14-0.
Umpires: N T Plews and R A White.

Notts v Somerset

TRENT BRIDGE *(Somerset won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Somerset by four runs*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad c Harden b Trump	41
D W Randall lbw b Hayhurst	39
*R T Robinson run out	15
P Johnson c Burns b MacLeay	31
M A Crawley c and b MacLeay	9
M Saxelby lbw b Lefebvre	27
F D Stephenson c Tavaré b MacLeay	0
†B N French not out	5
Extras (lb 8, w 5)	13
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	180

K P Evans, E E Hemmings and K E Cooper did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-99, 3-129, 4-139, 5-153, 6-153, 7-180
BOWLING: Mallender 8-0-41-0; Lefebvre 7-0-25-1; Hayhurst 6-0-33-1; MacLeay 8-0-31-3; Graveney 5-0-20-0; Trump 6-0-22-1.

SOMERSET

S J Cook lbw b Stephenson	2
R J Bartlett c Broad b Cooper	19
*C J Tavaré c Randall b Evans	16
R J Harden not out	79
†N D Burns c Broad b Saxelby	9
A N Hayhurst c French b Saxelby	27
K H MacLeay c and b Hemmings	2
R P Lefebvre run out	4
N A Mallender not out	5
Extras (lb 10, w 3)	13
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	176

H R H Trump and D A Graveney did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-36, 3-49, 4-76, 5-88, 6-156, 7-167
BOWLING: Cooper 8-0-20-1; Stephenson 8-1-26-1; Evans 8-0-40-1; Hemmings 8-1-33-1; Saxelby 6-0-31-2; Crawley 2-0-16-0.
Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer.

Derbys v Surrey

CHESTERFIELD *(Derbyshire won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Derbyshire on faster scoring rate*

SURREY

M A Lynch c Bowler b Base	10
D J Bicknell b Cork	68
†A J Stewart b Base	60
D M Ward b Warner	15
G P Thorpe c Bowler b Cork	1
*I A Greig b Cork	24
J D Robinson c Cork b Goldsmith	17
M A Feltham c Cork b Goldsmith	19
C K Bullen not out	0
Waqar Younis b Goldsmith	0
A J Murphy not out	0
Extras (lb 5, w 4)	9
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-144, 3-144, 4-146, 5-182, 6-188, 7-220, 8-222, 9-222.
BOWLING: Warner 8-0-52-1; Base 8-0-21-2; Cork 8-0-45-3; Goldsmith 8-0-48-3; Folley 4-0-28-0; Griffith 4-0-24-0.

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Stewart b Murphy	11
†P D Bowler not out	47
T J G O'Gorman not out	49
Extras (lb 4, w 9)	13
Total (1 wkt, 23 overs)	120

S C Goldsmith, M Azharuddin, C J Adams, F A Griffith, D G Cork, A E Warner, S J Base and I Folley did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-25.
BOWLING: Feltham 7-0-33-0; Murphy 6-0-35-1; Robinson 2-0-9-0; Greig 4-0-16-0; Waqar Younis 4-0-23-0.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and B J Meyer.

Essex v Worcs

ILFORD *(Worcestershire won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 34 runs*

ESSEX

J P Stephenson c Weston b Botham	67
A C Seymour lbw b Weston	20
Salim Malik c Newport b Radford	89
P J Prichard c Botham b Radford	36
N Hussain not out	22
†M A Garnham b Botham	1
*N A Foster run out	5
Extras (lb 5, w 4, nb 1)	10
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	250

N Shahid, T D Topley, S J W Andrew and P M Such did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-151, 3-193, 4-232, 5-233, 6-250.
BOWLING: Weston 8-0-37-1; Newport 4-0-28-0; Lampitt 5-0-29-0; Radford 8-0-57-2; Illingworth 8-0-45-0; Botham 7-1-39-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Topley b Stephenson	46
T M Moody b Foster	0
M J Weston c Hussain b Andrew	4
D B D'Oliveira c Malik b Topley	25
I T Botham c Shahid b Andrew	33
*P A Neale c Malik b Foster	39
†S J Rhodes c Malik b Stephenson	0
N V Radford b Stephenson	5
S R Lampitt c Stephenson b Foster	4
P J Newport not out	3
R K Illingworth not out	25
Extras (b 5, lb 18, w 4, nb 5)	32
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-11, 3-58, 4-117, 5-149, 6-150, 7-158, 8-175, 9-205
BOWLING: Foster 8-0-28-3; Andrew 8-0-45-2; Such 8-1-38-0, Topley 8-0-65-1; Stephenson 8-0-17-3
Umpires: D O Oslear and A G T Whitehead

Gloucs v Northants

MORETON-IN-MARSH *(Northamptonshire won toss): No result. Gloucestershire (2pts) drew with Northamptonshire (2)*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

R J Scott not out	0
†C W J Athey not out	0
Total (no wkt, 0.1 over)	0

*A J Wright, M W Alleyne, J W Lloyds, P W Romaines, D R Gilbert, D V Lawrence, A M Babington, A M Smith and T Hancock did not bat.
BOWLING: Walker 0.1-0-0-0.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, D J Capel, *R J Bailey, K M Curran, R G Williams, J G Thomas, †D Ripley, A L Penberthy, A Walker and N G B Cook.
Umpires: R Palmer and A A Jones

GOLF

Johnstone defends Murphy's Cup at second extra hole

By Mel Webb

TONY Johnstone successfully defended the title he won last year when he banked the winner's cheque for £58,330 by beating Eamonn Darcy at the second hole of a sudden-death play-off in the Murphy's Cup at Fulford yesterday.

After a 40-minute delay for heavy rain, both men had fours at the first hole, only for the Zimbabwean to claim a remarkable victory with a 25-foot putt for a second eagle inside an hour on the 18th.

For Johnstone, it was a triumphant return to the course at which he had won his first European Tour event for six years in 1990. He went quietly about his business all week, never on the leaderboard but never far off it, and he did not take the lead until he sank a 20-foot putt for an eagle at the 72nd hole after birdieing the 16th and 17th.

His final round of 67 gave him 12 points in the modified Stableford format of the tournament and a total of 40, and he then had to wait while Darcy, in the last match on the course, completed his round.

Darcy seemed out of it as he stood on the 17th tee with 36 points to his name. He needed birdies, worth two points each, on the last two holes, and calmly proceeded to get them with a six-foot putt on the 17th and two putts from 20 feet on the par-five 18th.

The final round opened in sombre mood and did not improve as the day went on. The sky wore a tired and dirty look, the clouds as low as a basement ceiling and dropping rain from their grubby embrace. For a long time, the golf had a similar look, and play had to be suspended for 30 minutes or so in the middle of the day when thunder and lightning joined in the fun. It was not until the leaders moved into the last nine holes that the colour started to creep back into the cheeks of the tournament.

And for none was it sunnier than for Field, the 26-year-old assistant from Otley, who took £19,705 for his share of third place with Peter O'Malley, of Australia. Winner of £6,700 at his only other Tour appearance this season at the PGA championship two weeks ago, he needed a top three finish to land him an almost certain automatic place on the Tour next season.

One who was not as happy with his five days in Yorkshire was Ian Woosnam, whose mood this week has wavered from a dogged determination to fulfil his contractual obligations to the sponsors, and a general dissatisfaction with his game, all while suffering from a heavy cold.

LEADING SCORES: 40pts: A Johnstone (Zim), 10, 9, 9, 12; E Darcy, 13, 9, 11, 7. Johnstone won at second hole of sudden-death play-off. 38: P O'Malley (Aus), 10, 6, 8, 14; S Field, 15, 12, 7, 4. 37: P Baker, 5, 12, 10, 10; R McFarlane, 9, 15, 8, 5. 35: S Torrance, 8, 10, 3, 14. 34: M Poxon, 8, 6, 8, 14. 32: A Hunter, 4, 11, 8, 9; J Townsend (US), 2, 10, 12, 8; C Montgomerie, 7, 9, 9, 7. 31: I Woosnam, 14, 6, 4, 7; J Rivero (Sp), 16, 4, 4, 7; M Harwood (Aus), 13, 15, 3, 0. 30: R Rafferty, 7, 9, 7, 7; M James, 8, 7, 8, 7; D Smyth, 11, 4, 9, 6; P-U Johansson (Swe), 13, 10, 4, 3; C O'Connor Jr, 10, 10, 9, 1. 29: R Claydon, 7, 6, 9, 7; C Mason, 5, 9, 9, 6; J van de Velde (Fr), 11, 8, 5, 5; B Lane, 14, 5, 5, 5; J Spence, 9, 7, 13, 0. 28: P Curry, 7, 6, 8, 7; J Parnevik (Swe), 12, 3, 8, 5. 27: H Clark, 14, 4, 0, 9; P Way, 4, 10, 6, 7; M Piñero (Sp), 9, 3, 10, 5; P Smith, 8, 6, 9, 4; P Walton, 6, 11, 7, 3; M Moreno (Sp), 10, 12, 7, –2.

British women record a famous victory

By Patricia Davies

IT was Pimms all round in the tented village at the Northumberland golf club on Saturday, to celebrate Britain's first victory in the Commonwealth Tournament for 16 years.

It was hardly summer weather but the mood was bright after Britain had overcome a shaky start to beat New Zealand 4-2, while Australia won all four singles to relegate Canada, the defending champions, to last place.

New Zealand's women golfers, runners-up in the world amateur team championship last year and in the Queen Sirikit Cup — a tournament for the Pacific nations — earlier this year, do not have the aura of invincibility of the All Black rugby players, but they are no push-overs. Having shared the foursomes, they at one stage led in three of the four singles before Julie Hall, Vicki Thomas and Catriona Lambert ensured a home victory.

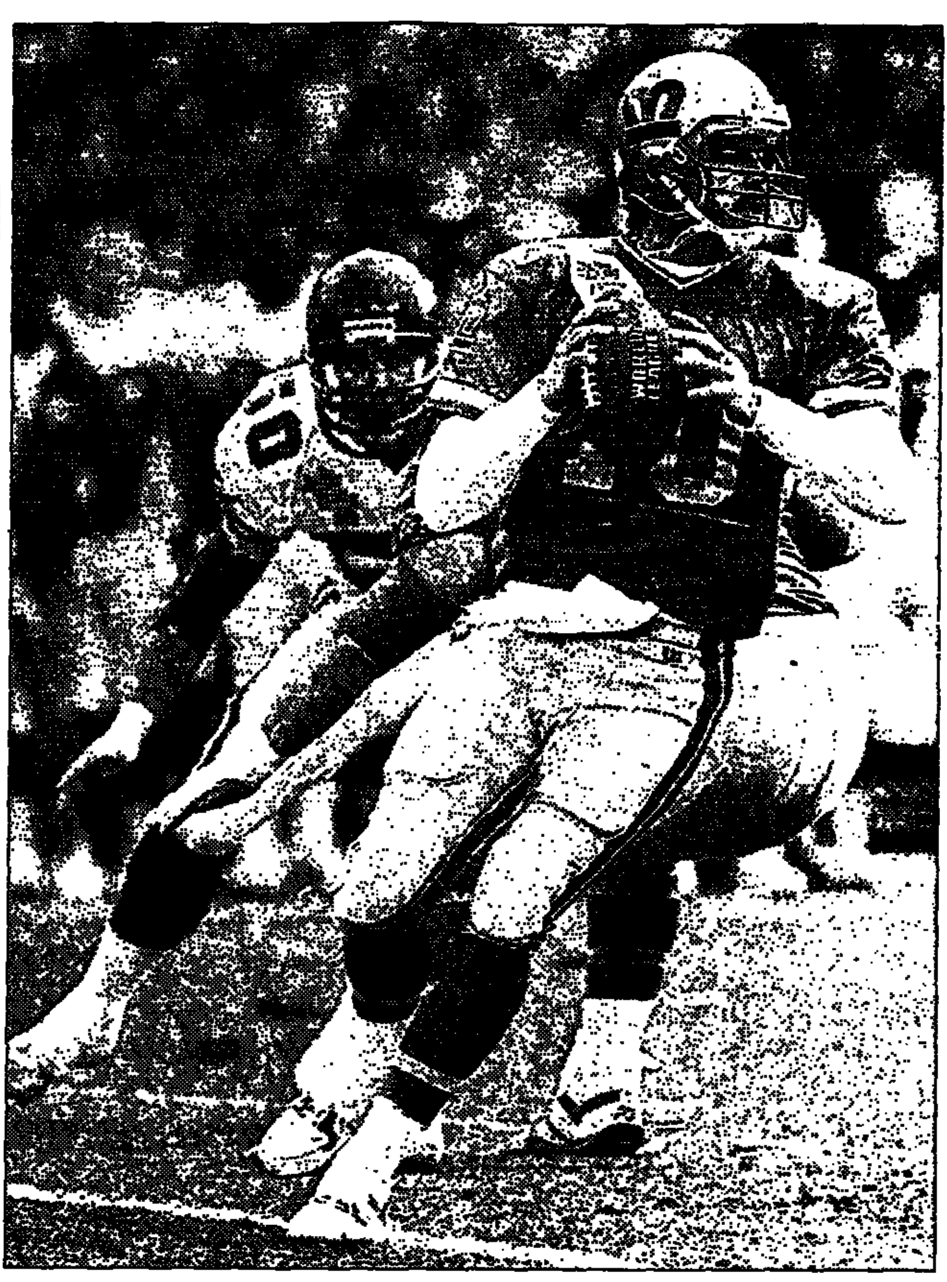
Nobody putted more outrageously than Thomas, the British strokeplay champion from Wales, playing in this four-yearly event for the fourth time. Having played poorly in the foursomes with Hall, she made a mess of the first two holes in the singles against Marnie McGuire and anticipated an afternoon of tribulation.

Thomas then holed a huge putt for a half at the third and had six successive single putts from the ninth, to lose any hope of making the McGuire Christmas card list. The New Zealander lost on the 17th.

Hall was also mediocre in the morning, but found her touch, winning four holes in a row from the ninth against Jan Higgins, to go three up, and closing out the match on the 16th with her fourth birdie in seven holes.

It was left to Catriona Lambert, the Scottish champion, to secure the title by beating Lisa Aldridge by three and two, and confirm her position as the tournament's top player, with five wins and one half.

RESULTS: Final: Britain 4 New Zealand 2 (Brit names first): Foursomes: J Hall and V Thomas lost to J Higgins and A Stott, 4 and 2; C Lambert and E Farquharson bt M McGuire and K Starr, 2 and 1. Singles: Hall bt Higgins, 3 and 2; Thomas bt McGuire, 2 and 1; L Fletcher lost to Stott, 3 and 2; Lambert bt L Aldridge, 3 and 2. Playoff: Australia 4 Canada 2 (Aus names first): Foursomes: L Briers and E Kennedy lost to T Samuel and E-L Biron, 2 holes; W Doolan and J Shearwood lost to M A Lapointe and L Kane, 4 and 2. Singles: Briers bt Kane, 3 and 1; Kennedy bt Samuel, 5 and 4; Doolan bt Lapointe, 3 and 2; Shearwood bt M J Desbiens, 4 and 2.



Targeting the World Bowl '91: Stan Gelbaugh, the London Monarchs quarterback, in action against Barcelona Dragons at Wembley last night

RUGBY UNION

RFU achieves harmony with players over money

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

ENGLAND'S representatives participated in yesterday's discussion by the four home rugby unions of the amateur regulations, at a Heathrow hotel, hotfoot from Saturday's extraordinary committee meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU). That meeting reinforced committee approval for the promotional campaign proposed by the England squad players which aims to raise £2 million, of which some 15 per cent may be divided among the players.

The relieved expressions of unanimity which accompanied the statement agreed between the RFU and the Parallel Media Group (PMG), the players' marketing advisers, gave no indication of the intense debate prolonged far longer than predicted. However, the eventual vote gave a clear-cut majority in the order of three to one in favour of the players' "Run with the Ball" campaign, which is planned to coincide with the World Cup in the autumn.

The RFU committee was given the chance to see the PMG presentation and to question the seven England players who attended the meeting: Will Carling, the captain, Rob Andrew, Richard Hill, Jeff Probyn, Brian Moore, Paul Ackford and Peter Winterbottom. Committee members had also studied a fresh paper produced by their own working party, which ensured that what was proposed lay within the International Board regulations on amateurism and offered the safeguard of an RFU monitor on any future promotional negotiations involving players.

Indeed, PMG, on behalf of the players, has signed an agreement with the RFU which lays down the protocol for future activities and ensures no conflict of interest with existing RFU sponsorship agreements. "This has not been an easy issue to resolve, and I am delighted we have agreed a way forward in harmony with the players," Michael Pearey, the RFU president, said.

Andrew, speaking for the players, said: "Our priority has always been, and will remain, success on the field. However, we recognise that there is a growing interest among many companies who have an involvement with rugby. Our campaign simply aims to tap that interest for the benefit of everyone in the game and, as such, we are delighted that the RFU has endorsed our plan."

There will be relief that the unanimity said to exist among the players has received support from the administrators. The players, who have been encouraged by the interest shown by potential sponsoring companies in their proposal, hope that the machinery is in place for the promotion of rugby, not just for a few months, but for several years. Administrators hope that the fragmented efforts in interpretation of the relaxed amateur regulations they believe exist in other countries have been avoided.

Exchange of information was the purpose of yesterday's home unions' meeting, called by Scotland. It was the third such gathering. Considerable unanimity over interpretation of the regulations has been reached and three of the four unions (England, Scotland and Wales) have seen the appointment of commercial advisers to their respective national squads.

FOOTBALL

Sugar confirms his role in support of Venables takeover

By Dennis Signy and Jonathan Prynn

TERRY Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, whose contract with the club expired at the end of May, is still hopeful of staying on at White Hart Lane. He hopes to be take over control of the club this week with a bid organised in conjunction with Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad, the computer group.

A spokesman for Sugar, who is listed as one of the richest people in Britain, yesterday confirmed that discussions were taking place. The pair, who are being advised by a City merchant bank, are hoping to acquire the shares of the football club chairman, Irving Scholar, and a director, Paul Bobroff, who is the former chairman of Tottenham Hotspur plc. This would give them a 37 per cent holding in the company.

Although Venables revealed his involvement with a consortium trying to take control of Tottenham months ago, the involvement of Sugar, not known as a football supporter, was not made public until the weekend. He is understood to be acting privately and his move would not involve the Amstrad business.

Sugar's links with Tottenham date back at least as far as the early-1980s, when Amstrad was based in Garman Road — almost under the shadow of the north London club's White Hart Lane stadium. Links between the club and the company were close and Amstrad once used the Tottenham team in an advertising campaign. Amstrad left the area in 1985.

If the Venables-Sugar bid succeeds, it would put an end to speculation about the future of the financially-stricken club, which has debts of nearly £20 million. Unlike some of the other would-be saviours of Tottenham, Sugar is known to have massive personal financial assets at his disposal.

In March, he raised £34 million by selling a 7.5 per cent stake in the company. That still leaves him with a 36 per cent stake worth about £130 million. The Venables-Sugar pairing would create a powerful football management team.

Although rumour has persisted in recent weeks that Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher and chairman of Derby County, may re-emerge as a possible buyer of Tottenham Hotspur, Venables is favoured by most Tottenham supporters.

Indeed, this is possibly Tottenham's last chance to keep Venables, who has been linked with clubs abroad since his contract ended. It is understood that he nearly reached agreement with Scholar for his 26 per cent shareholding on the eve of the FA Cup final — in which Tottenham beat Nottingham Forest — but the deal was not completed.

The Midland Bank is owed nearly £11 million by Tottenham, who have been involved in negotiations in recent days with Lazio, the Italian club, for the transfer of Paul Gascoigne, their England international midfield player. Gascoigne was injured in the FA Cup final and is unlikely to play again this year.

Shares in Tottenham Hotspur were suspended last year by the Stock Exchange after the company failed to provide detailed financial information to shareholders. Nat Solomon was appointed chairman of the public company in January to try and sort out its financial difficulties.

☐ Ray Harford, the Yorkshire-born manager of Wimbledon, who has emerged as the favourite to succeed Chris Nicholl at Southampton, is also the leading candidate to take over at Sheffield Wednesday following the departure last week of Ron Atkinson, who has moved to Aston Villa.

Harford, aged 46, has also been linked with Chelsea as a replacement for Bobby Campbell, who has moved up to be personal assistant to Ken Bates, the chairman. Harford returned to the country last week after guiding the England Under-21 team to success in an international tournament in Toulon, France.

Liam Brady, the former Arsenal, West Ham United and Republic of Ireland midfield player, is the new favourite to succeed Billy McNeill as the manager of the Scottish club, Celtic.

Villa confirms offer to Derby

By Chris Moore

RON Atkinson, the new manager of Aston Villa, confirmed last night he has made an official offer to Derby County for both Mark Wright, the England defender, and Dean Saunders, the Welsh international forward.

Robert Maxwell, the Derby chairman who is on the verge of selling the club, has given all interested parties until 5pm today to table offers for the two internationals.

Both were made available for transfer after Derby's failure to preserve their first-division status last season. Leeds United are understood to have offered almost £3 million for Saunders. Liverpool and Everton have been linked with both players.

Atkinson, however, would not confirm reports that Villa's double bid amounted to £5 million. He denied Villa would have to sell David Platt to finance the deal. It is still unclear whether Andy Gray, the former Scotland and Villa forward, will accept Atkinson's offer of becoming his No. 2. Gray said he had an exclusive contract with British Sky Broadcasting until May.

YACHTING

Give-and-take Princess

THE Princess Royal was yesterday both prize giver and prize winner at the Esso open women's keelboat championships run over the weekend by the Royal Lymington YC (Malcolm McKeag writes). In the afternoon, the Princess, patron of the club and president of the Royal Yachting Association, presented the silverware. In the morning she had raced as a member of the crew aboard Smokey 4, skippered by Titch Blachford.

Smokey 4 won her race and that, added to her performance earlier in the regatta, put her top of the points total in the CHS division. Second overall was Stephen Merry, a veteran of trans-Atlantic and Three Peaks races whose crew included the round-Britain sailor, Ann Hancock.

In the J/24 division, Rona Basset a former captain of Cambridge women's sailing team, was able to discard a fourth yesterday to take the main title by just 1.25 points from Mimmie Currey. Currey, a former Firefly national champion and runner-up last year also, gave herself too much to do with an uncharacteristic seventh in Friday's race. Despite a second on Saturday morning, and another second yesterday, she had to count a fifth on Saturday afternoon.

About 200 women competed in the championships.

RESULTS: Macnamara Bowl (J/24s): 1, Autumn Leaves (R Basset, GB), 7.75; 2, Gossip (M Currey, GB), 9.0; equal 3, European Ladies (B Facque, Fr) and Crackerjack (K Amons, Neth), 14.0. CHS divison: 1, Smokey 4 (T Blachford, Contessa 33); 2, Amadeus (S Merry, OOD34).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

International match

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(in Wellington)

Under-15 international

ENGLAND (1) 1 GERMANY (1) 3
Gallen 22 Fenech 14
43,511 Ratkowski 70 Hahn 80
(at Wembley)

OLYMPIC GAMES: Qualifying match: East Asia group F: First round: Hong Kong 1, Taiwan 1.

JAPAN: Kirin Cup: Vasco Da Gama (Br) 3, Thailand 0 (in Tokyo); Japan 4, Tottenham Hotspur 0. Final overall: 1, Japan, played 3, 6pts; 2, Vasco Da Gama, 3; 3, Tottenham Hotspur, 3; 4, Thailand, 0.

ATHLETICS

VANCOUVER, British Columbia: International meeting: Men: 800m: J Barbosa (Br), 1min 45.65sec. 1,500m: P Rono (Ken), 3:38.28. 3,000m steeplechase: G Fell (Can), 8:23.17sec. Triple jump: J Taiwo (Nigeria), 16.91m. Shot: C Hunter (US), 18.73m. Women: 800m: C Crooks (Can), 2min 00.43sec. British: 3, C Cahill, 2:02.76. 1,500m: M Slaney (US), 4:06.58sec. Hammer: T Brick (Can), 63.16m.

MOSCOW: Brothers Znamensky Memorial grand prix meeting: Winners only: Men: 110m hurdles: I Kazanov (USSR), 13.59sec. 200m: A Goremykin (USSR), 20.95sec. 400m: V Kocheryagin (USSR), 46.17sec. 5,000m: F Kharrulin (USSR), 13:37.55. Pole vault: S Bubka (USSR), 6.08m (new world record). Javelin: Y Laoukanen (Fin), 80.68m. Women: 100m: T Alekseyeva (USSR), 11.42. 400m hurdles: M Ponomaryeva, 54.88sec. 800m: S Masterkova (USSR), 1:58.67. 3,000m: L Kremlyova (USSR), 8.3.70.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

TWELFTH ROUND: Footscray 35 (4 goals, 11 behind), Sydney 35 (4, 11); Carlton 82 (12, 10), Collingwood 62 (10, 2); Adelaide 50 (7, 8), Fitzroy 47 (7, 5); West Coast 145 (21, 19), Brisbane 93 (14, 9).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Chicago Cubs 2; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Cincinnati Reds 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 1, San Diego Padres 0; Montreal Expos 11, Atlanta Braves 2; New York Mets 6, Houston Astros 3; San Francisco Giants 5, St Louis Cardinals 2. Saturday: Chicago Cubs 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Cincinnati Reds 1; San Diego Padres 11, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Atlanta Braves 7, Montreal Expos 6; New York Mets 4, Houston Astros 3; St Louis Cardinals 3, San Francisco Giants 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: New York Yankees 5, Texas Rangers 4; Baltimore Orioles 6, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Minnesota Twins 2, Cleveland Indians 0; Chicago White Sox 2, Kansas City Royals 0; Detroit Tigers 5, California Angels 0; Boston Red Sox 3, Oakland A's 1; Seattle Mariners 2, Milwaukee Brewers 1. Saturday: Boston Red Sox 8, Oakland A's 1; New York Yankees 10, Texas Rangers 7; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Baltimore Orioles 4; Chicago White Sox 14, Kansas City Royals 7; Minnesota Twins 2, Cleveland Indians 1; Detroit Tigers 4, California Angels 3; Seattle Mariners 6, Milwaukee Brewers 2.

BOWLS

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP: Group 1A: Derbyshire 108, Northumberland 117, Nottinghamshire 128, Yorkshire 101. Group 1B: Cumbria 134, Durham 115. Group 2A: Hertfordshire 116, Warwickshire 89; Huntingdonshire 117, Cambridgeshire 101, Lancashire 135, Lincolnshire 107. Group 2B: Essex 114, Suffolk 106. Leicestershire 117, Bedfordshire 104. Group 3A: Hampshire 108, Surrey 131; Middlesex 113, Buckinghamshire 117. Group 3B: Berkshire 136, Isle of Wight 110; Kent 137, Sussex 99. Group 4A: Cornwall 128, Devon 119: Dorset 132, Herefordshire 98. Group 4B: Gloucestershire 118, Somerset 110; Wiltshire 110, Worcestershire 112.

COUNTY MATCHES: Alsop Cup: Cumbria 117, Durham 132. Armstrong Trophy: Durham 106, Northumberland 119.

CARRUTHERS SHIELD: Aberaeron 89, Lampeter 51; Newcastle Emlyn 80, Queens Road 91; Tregaron 91, Newquay 57.

BOXING

LA SPEZIA, Rome: European welterweight championship: Patrizio Oliva (It, holder) bt Errol McDonald (GB), disq 12th rnd.

CYCLING

TOUR OF ASTURIAS: Fourth stage (Aviles to Cangas de Narcea, 178km): 1, T Wegmuller (Switz), 4hr 06min 40sec; 2, P Ugrumov (USSR), at 5sec; 3, J Rodriguez (Sp); 4, C Galarreta (Sp), both same time; 5, A Gutierrez (Sp), at 1min 28sec; 6, J Montoya (Sp), same time.

DAUPHINE LIBERE: Sixth stage (Crest to Villard-de-Lans, 163.5km): 1, L Herrera (Col), 4hr 42min 10sec; 2, T Rominger (Switz), at 4sec; 3, L Cubino (Sp), at 9; 4, H Cardenas (Col); 5, O Rincon (Col); 6, M Farfan (Col), all same time. Seventh stage (Villard-de-Lans to Aix-les-Bains, 157km): 1, L Cubino (Sp), 4hr 21min 4sec; 2, L Herrera (Col), same time; 3, L Leblanc (Fr), 2:22; 4, E Bouwmans (Neth); 5, A Hampsten (US); 6, R Millar (GB). Overall: 1, Herrera, 27hr 50min 24sec; 2, Cubino, 45sec behind; 3, Rominger, 2:08; 4, Rincon, 2:48; 5, Farfan, 3:08; 6, Millar, 3:32.

GIRO D'ITALIA: Thirteenth stage (Savigliano to Sestriere, 190km; Italy unless stated): 1, E Chozas (Sp), 5hr 58min 38sec; 2, C Chiappucci, at 1sec; 3, M Lejarreta (Sp), 3; 4, F Chioccioli, same time; 5, E Boyer (Fr), at 8; 6, M Lelli, at 25. Fourteenth stage (Torino to Morbegno, 230km, Italy unless stated): 1, F Ballerini, 5hr 35min 42sec; 2, P Casado (Fr), same time; 3, J O Martinez (Sp), 2sec behind; 4, B Petersen (Den), 14; 5, F Fontanelli, 1:55; 6, M Lietti, same time. Overall: 1, F Chioccioli, 68hr 35min 38sec; 2, M Lejarreta (Sp), 28sec behind; 3, C Chiappucci, 1:23; 4, M Lelli, 1:28; 5, G Bugno, 2:37; 6, L Sierra (Ven), 4:00.

TIME-TRIALS: Women's national championship (25 miles, Earls Barton, Northants): 1, M Jones (Liverpool Mercury RC), 1hr 0min 18sec; 2, L Gornall (Horwich CC), 1:1.52; 3, M Purvis (Ellan Vannin CC), 1:2.25. Team: Liverpool Mercury (Jones, K Stall, J Hill), 38:04. Rockingham Forest Wheelers (10 miles, Corby): 1, D Sweeney (Invicta RC), 20min 58sec (course record). Team: Invicta, 1:04.03. Nunbrook Wheelers (10 miles, York): K Dawson (Askern CC), 21min 37sec. Team: Altrincham Ravens, 1:12.18.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW: Junior Open: 1, L Heywood (Penderves Thatcher); 2, H Tonkin (Master Roscoe); 3, H Mason (The Pirate). Lloyds Bank county competition: 1, MMC Ltd (Orthos), A Austin; equal 2, M Armstrong (Snff, Rockall), K Doyle (Alpine Quest), C Edwards (U Two). Everest grand prix: 1, MMC Ltd (Elusive), A Austin; 2, Wessex Conservatories (Wessex Zakatak), P Sutton; 3, Smiths Construction plc (Ultra), J Smith. Scurry driving champion: D Matthews (Lolly and Pop).

ARDINGLY: South of England Show: Everest Stakes (Sussex Area International Trial): 1, Everest Rapier (M Edgar); 2, Everest Hasty Exit (E-J Brown); 3, Brook Street Silver Dust (R Smith). TVS Knock-out: 1, Roseport Aquila (M McCourt); 2, Crosty (N Coupe); 3 equal, Festival (A Miller) and Gary Lord (A Hoar). Greasey Leading Writer Awards: M Edgar (Everest Rapier) and M McCourt (La Paz). Horse and Hound Working Hunters: Champion: Lady Gooch's Aptitude and Reserve: R Oliver (Emerald Ltd). Children's Riding Ponies: Champion: Mrs V Richardson (Oakley Loving Three). Reserve: Mr and Mrs Hounsom (Coveham Sensation).

GOLF

SOMERS POINT, New Jersey: Women's tournament: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 137: A Alcott, 69, 68. 138: J Lidback (Peru), 68, 70. 139: J Geddes, 71, 68; J Dickinson, 69, 70. 140: J Pitcock, 72, 68; C Schreyer, 70, 70; M McNamara, 75, 65. British scores: 142: C Pierce, 69, 73. 146: P Wright, 72, 74. 148: S Maynor, 76, 72; K Davies, 74, 74.

SHIBATA, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading final scores: (Japan unless stated): 271: T Ueno, 66, 72, 66, 67. 272: G Marsh (Aus), 69, 68, 67, 68. 273: Y Hagawa, 69, 68, 67, 69. 274: K Suzuki, 68, 66, 71, 69; T Nakajima, 67, 70, 66, 71. 275: H Makino, 65, 69, 70, 71. 276: M Shiota, 69, 70, 69, 68; D Ishii (US), 68, 69, 70, 69.

WOODHALL SPA: British youths championship: Leading final scores: 287: J Payne (Sandilands), 71, 73, 70, 73; R Hutt (Southport and Ainsdale), 68, 71, 77, 71. Payne won play-off at first extra hole. 288: D Robertson (Cochrane Castle), 73, 71, 73, 68; N Ludwell (Selby), 73, 72, 71, 72; I Garbutt (Wheatley), 69, 74, 75, 70; M McGuire (Drayton Park), 72, 71, 73, 72. 290: P Harrington (Stackstown), 70, 75, 72, 72; M Hastie (St Andrews), 73, 73, 73, 71. 291: S Alker (NZ), 72, 74, 72, 73. 292: J-Y Dusson (Fr), 71, 76, 71, 72; T Munoz (Sp), 75, 73, 71, 73; P Sefton (Camberley Heath), 75, 72, 72, 73.

HOCKEY

HOBART: Women's international: Australia 2, South Korea 2.

MOTOCROSS

GENK, Belgium: Belgian round (of the world 125cc championship): First race: 1, P Tragter (Neth), Suzuki; 2, S Everts (Bel), Suzuki; 3, G Albertyn (SA), Honda; 4, R van Rees (Neth), Kawasaki; 5, Y Demaria (Fr), Suzuki; 6, F Vialle (Fr), Kawasaki. Second race: 1, Everts; 2, B Moore (US), KTM; 3, Demaria; 4, M van Drunen (Neth), Honda; 5, A Sartolini (It), Suzuki; 6, J Belvali (Fr), Suzuki. Overall: 1, Everts, 37pts; 2, Demaria, 26; 3, Tragter, 20. World championship standings (after six races): 1, Everts, 208pts; 2, Moore, 164; 3, D Schmit (US), Suzuki, 128; 4, Tragter, 115; 5, Demaria, 110; 6, V Drunen, 89.

MOTORCYCLING

SALZBURG, Austria: 125cc grand prix (22 laps, 93.345 km): 1, F Gresini (It), Honda, 33min 47.096sec (average speed 165.777 kph); 2, R Waldmann (Ger), Honda, 33:47.144; 3, N Ueda (Japan), Honda, 33:47.549; 4, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, 33:48.523; 5, H Spaan (Neth), Honda, 33:48.746; 6, L Capirossi (It), Honda, 33:50.705. World championship (after six races): 1, Capirossi, 94pts; 2, F Gresini (It), Honda, 91; 3, Waldmann, 73; 4, Ueda, 70; 5, H Luethi (Switz), Honda, 50; 6, J Martinez (Sp), Honda, 47. 250cc (24 laps, 101.832 km): 1, H Bradl (Ger), Honda, 33min 23.857sec (average speed 182.945kph); 2, C Cardus (Sp), Honda, 33:31.675; 3, W Zeelenberg (Neth), Honda, 33:32.014; 4, P Chili (It), Aprilia, 33:32.911; 5, L Cadalora (It), Honda, 33:42.735; 6, M Shimizu (Japan), Honda, 33:56.054. World championship (after seven races): 1, Cadalora, 121pts; 2, Bradl, 111; 3, Cardus, 99; 4, Zeelenberg, 86; 5, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, 69; 6, Shimizu, 62. 500cc (29 laps, 123.047km): 1, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 38min 03.841sec; 2, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 38:04.026; 3, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 38:19.486; 4, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 38:19.889; 5, E Lawson (US), Cagiva, 38:42.523; 6, J Garriga (Sp), Yamaha, 39:03.330. Fastest lap: Rainey, 1:18.085. World championship standings (after seven races): 1, Doohan, 128pts; 2, Rainey, 111; 3, Schwantz, 90; 4, Lawson, 80; 5, Kocinski, 69; 6, Gardner, 66.

SUZUKA, Japan: International road race (125 miles): 1, P Goddard (Aus), Yamaha, 1hr 19sec 42.711sec; 2, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 1:19:43.214; 3, K Iwasaki (Japan), Honda, 1:19:43.384.

MOTOR SPORT

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain: Formula 3000 championship: Third leg: 1, C Fittipaldi (Br), Reynard-Mugen, 49laps in 1hr 19min 15.89sec; 2, A Zanardi (It), Reynard-Mugen, at 7.75sec; 3, A Montermini (It), Ralt-Ford, at 8.37; 4, A Tamburini (It), Reynard-Mugen, 8.93; 5, K Wendlinger (Austria), Reynard-Ford, 13.89; 6, J-M Gounon (Fr), Ralt-Ford, 42.33. Leading drivers' standings: 1, C Fittipaldi, 21pts; 2, A Zanardi, 15; 3, J-M Gounon, 10; 4, A Tamburini, 7.

ROWING

LONDON DOCKLANDS REGATTA: Eights: Open: Lea, 5min 22sec. Senior one: Bristol Univ, 5.07. Senior two: Eton, 5.19. Senior three: Oundle, 5.33. Women's Open: Thames Tradesmen, 6.04. Women's senior three: Thames, 6.37. School: Eton, 5.30. Junior 16: Radley, 5.45. Coxless fours: Open: Lea, 5.29. Senior two: Hampton, 5.59. Lightweight: Twickenham, 6.13. Women's lightweight: City of Sheffield, 6.51. Coxed fours: Open: London Univ, 5.53. Senior one: Vesta, 6.17. Senior two: Henley, 6.16. Senior three: Hampton, ntt. Women's Open: Thames Tradesmen, ntt. Women's senior one: Oxford Poly, 7.01. Women's senior two: Bewbridge, 7.29. Women's senior three: Thames Tradesmen, 7.23. Junior: Eton, 6.29. Junior 16: Hampton, 6.37. Quads: Open: Tideway Scullers, 5.26. Women's Open: Tideway Scullers, 6.46. Junior: Windsor Boys, 6.14. Coxed pairs: Open: Tideway Scullers, 6.53. Coxless pairs: Open: Walton, 6.44. Under-23: Durham Univ, 6.24. Senior one: Vesta, 6.37. Senior two: Eton, 6.50. Women's Open: Birmingham, 7.31. Women's Under-23: Lea, ntt. Women's lightweight: Thames Tradesmen, 7.27. Junior: Emanuel, 6.32. Double sculls: Open: Kingston/Thames Tradesmen, 6.12. Lightweight: Leicester, 6.24. Women's Open: Cambridge, 7.13. Under-23: Nottingham and Union, 7.17. Junior: Emanuel, 6.59. Sculls: Open: Mossop (Kingston), 6.44. Under-23: Holmes (Star and Arrow), 6.48. Lightweight: Knudsen (Birmingham), 6.46. Senior one: Walters (Tideway Scullers), 6.46. Senior two: Seymour (Imperial College), 6.50. Senior three: Inglis (Thames), 6.53. Novice: Smith (Tideway Scullers), 7.06. Women's Under-23: Thomas (Upper Thames), ntt. Women's lightweight: Appleboom (Mortlake Anglian), 7.15. Women's senior Miller (Tideway Scullers), ntt. Senior two: Johnson (Eton Excelsior), 7.44. Women's senior three: Widdowson (Imperial College), 7.57.

WALTON REGATTA: Eights: Senior one: Walton-Surrey Univ bt St Edward's, half a length, 2.59. Senior two: St Edward's bt Pangwern, easily, 3.06. Senior three: St Edward's bt Carnford, easily, 3.11. Junior 16: St Edward's bt Radley, easily, 3.10. Junior 15: St Edward's bt Pangbourne, two feet, 3.10. Junior 14: St Edward's bt Bryanston, easily, 3.42. Fours: Senior one coxless: Walton/Weybridge bt Surrey Univ/Walton, two lengths, 3.15. Senior one coxed: National Westminster Bank bt Walton, easily, 3.34. Senior three: Walton bt Weybridge, third of a length, 3.28. Novice: Burway bt Tonbridge School, half a length, 3.44. Junior 15: Eastbourne bt Hampton, three lengths, 3.55. Veteran: Walton bt Star, easily, 3.29. Women's senior three: Bryanston bt Burway, one and three-quarter lengths, 4.17. Women's novice: Monkton Combe bt University of Wales, two feet, 4.10. Junior 14 quads: St George's bt Kingston Grammar, easily, 3.52. Senior three pairs: Star bt Kingston Grammar, canvas, 3.53. Sculls: Senior two: C Jones (London) bt A Wells (Burway), four lengths, 3.59. Senior three: D West (Dulwich College) bt E Ehlers (Bryanston), two lengths, ntt. Novice: A Boyle (Southampton Univ) bt W Steen (Reading), easily, 3.56. Women's senior three: D Woodford (Bryanston) bt R Browning (Walton), four lengths, 4.53. Women's Novice: H Perry (Bryanston) bt S Smith (Bryanston), three-quarters of a length, 4.54.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: New Zealand Colts 28, France 8 (in Rotorua).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Otago 37, Soviet Union 11 (in Dunedin); New Zealand XV 60, Romania 30 (in Auckland).

PACIFIC THREE-NATIONS TOURNAMENT: Fiji 34, Tonga 4 (in Suva).

SHOOTING

WINTERTHUR, Switzerland: European 300m championships: Individual Prone: 1, J Konrad (Switz), 596; 2, S Norbert (Switz), 595; 3, G Oliver (Switz), 594. British scores: A Campbell, 591; J Davis, 589; P Scanlan, 584. Teams: 1, Switzerland, 1795; 2, Sweden, 1737; 3, Finland, 1773; 5, Great Britain, 1764.

BISLEY: Teams of ten (300, 600, 900, 1000yd): 1, Wales, 1909 (P Gray, 195); 2, London and Middlesex, 1879 (M Pugsley, 193). Teams of eight (300, 600, 900, 1000 yd): 1, Surrey, 1528 (P Steel, 195); 2, Lloyds Bank, 1510 (A Chown, 195); 3, Hertfordshire, 1501 (R Haydon, 190). Teams of ten (300, 600yd): 1, North London, 957 (D Coleman, 100.17); 2, RAF, 933 (G Cox, 97.11). Teams of ten (300, 600, 900 and 1000yd): Second match: 1, London and Middlesex, 2777; 2, Wales, 2780. Aggregate: 1, Wales, 4669; 2, London and Middlesex, 4656.

SQUASH RACKETS

DUNLOP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: Regional finals: Scotland: Men: P Nicol (Aberdeen) bt D Ritchie (Bridge of Allan), 9-4, 9-4, 9-0. Women: A Bowie (Edinburgh) bt C Waddell (Aberdeen), 9-0, 10-9, 9-1. West: Men: R Watkins (West Country) bt P Taylor (Riverside), 9-4, 9-6, 9-5. Women: J Hodkinson (Lansdown) bt K Davis (West Country), 9-4, 9-7, 7-9, 9-1. Home Counties: North: Men: J Friend (Epping) bt L Goinic (Caversham), 9-2, 2-9, 9-5, 10-8. Women: R Macree (Brentfield) bt S Johnson (Eastway), 5-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-5. Home Counties: South: Men: E Noyce (Copthorne) bt P Johnson (New Eltham), 3-9, 9-7, 3-9, 9-5, 9-4. Women: S Macfie (Richmond Town) bt L Charman (Hailsham), 5-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-1. Midlands: Men: R Buffery (Arrow) bt C Downing (Shifnal), 9-5, 9-6, 9-1; R Poole (Edgbaston Priory) bt Z Woolbridge (Stourbridge), 9-3, 9-1, 9-0. North: Men: P Blenkaby (Birley) bt A Noman (Pontefract), 9-2, 9-6, 2-9, 9-5. Women: G Topliss (Pontefract) bt E Parke (Cample Valley), 9-3, 9-5, 9-4. North-West: Men: G Thwaite (Carlisle) bt N Taylor (Village Hyde), 9-6, 9-3, 9-6. Women: H Nicoll (Manchester Northern) bt N Swift (Warrington), 9-5, 9-2, 9-3. North-east: Men: M Thorpe (Huddersfield) bt K Andrews (Nunthorpe), 6-9, 9-1, 9-4, 9-0. Women: P Nichol (Sunderland) bt E Mills (Redcar), 9-3, 9-0, 9-3.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: Second division: Peterborough 48, Rye House 41, Stoke 50, Peterborough 40. Knock-out Cup: First round, second leg: Edinburgh 45, Long Eaton 45 (Long Eaton win 99-81 on aggregate); Arena Essex 53, Middlesbrough 38 (Arena Essex win 92-87 on aggregate).

HEAT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Oxford 32, Ipswich 28; King's Lynn 19, Coventry 18; Bradford 30, Wolverhampton 28, Cradley Heath 24, Belle Vue 14. Aggregate (after two legs): Ipswich 56, Oxford 51; Kings Lynn 42, Coventry 42; Wolverhampton 52, Bradford 51; Cradley Heath 48, Belle Vue 41. Third leg: Cradley Heath 41, Wolverhampton 21; Belle Vue 19, Bradford 15; Kings Lynn 36, Coventry 32; Ipswich 22, Oxford 8 (at King's Lynn). Fourth and final leg: Cradley Heath 37, Wolverhampton 27; Bradford 23, Belle Vue 9 (at Bradford). Final aggregate: Cradley Heath 126, Wolverhampton 100, Bradford 89, Belle Vue 69.

SPEEDWAY NOW TROPHY: First leg: Berwick 65.5, Sheffield 24.5

INTER-DIVISIONAL CHALLENGE MATCH: Rye House 47, Wimbledon 43

SWIMMING

ROME: Seven Hills Meet: Men: 50m freestyle: L Bonucci (It), 24.13sec. 400m freestyle: G Lamberti (It), 3min 51.51sec; 5, I Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 4:02.19. 200m backstroke: E Merisi (It), 2:02.14; 6, P Blake (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 2:08.92; 7, J Davey (City of Leeds), 2:09.13. 200m breaststroke: C Bourdon (Fr), 2:18.19. 200m butterfly: M Braida (It), 2:03.30; 6, Wilson, 2:08.72. Women: 50m freestyle: I Scionalli (It), 27.39sec. 400m freestyle: C Sossi (It), 4min 16.56sec. 200m backstroke: N Livingstone (Aus), 2:13.08. 200m breaststroke: M Dalla Valle (It), 2:31.95. 200m butterfly: M Jacobsen (Den), 2:14.51.

TENNIS

HARROGATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Men: Final: S Billington bt R Whiteley, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Women: Final: C Varley bt Y Richards, 6-0, 6-2.

SCARBOROUGH: LTA Ratings Tournament: Men: Final: M Hodgkinson bt R Amstell, 6-2, 6-1. Women: Final: M Loughton bt D Watson, 6-2, 6-0.

VOLLEYBALL

LAS PALMAS, Spain: European championships: Senior men's international: Qualifying match: England 3, San Marino 0.

WORLD LEAGUE: Group A: Cuba 3, Brazil 0 (in Havana); Netherlands 3, France 0 (in Apeldoorn, Netherlands). Group B: Italy 3, Japan 0 (in Florence), South Korea 3, United States 1 (in San Diego).

YACHTING

SOLENT POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP (GB unless stated): First race morning: Class: Lightwave 395: 1, Alvine IX (H B Evans); 2, Manonette IX (C A F Danning); 3, Expedite (J Eldridge). Second race morning: Class: Sigma 33: 1, Royal Flush (S Sinclair); 2, Lucky Ducky (K Diedericks and G Gordon). Third race morning: Class: CHS three: 1, Cumera V (C Noel); 2, After Midnight (D Cable); 3, Sunbeat V (W J W Courtney). Fourth race morning: Class: CHS six: 1, Rainbird II of Hamble (C R E Day); 2, Blue Contessa II (R MacGregor); 3, Panache (Mr and Mrs J Cooper). First race afternoon: Class: Lightwave 395: 1, Expedite; 2, Alvine IX; 3, Manonette IX. Second race afternoon: Class: CHS three: 1, After Midnight; 2, Integrity (S R Godwin); 3, Mefly (A G Mack). Third race afternoon: Class: CHS five: 1, Owl (P Bruce); 2, Robbery (J Chawner); 3, Royal Flush. Class: CHS six: Trader Joe (F J Gresham).

HAMILTON BERMUDA: IYRU Land Rover Nations Cup: Semi-finals: United States bt Bermuda, 2-0; US Virgin Islands bt Canada, 2-1. Finals: US Virgin Islands bt United States, 2-1. Third and fourth place sail-off: Bermuda bt Canada, 2-0. Final positions: 1, US Virgin Islands (Peter Holmberg); 2, United States, (Geoff Moore); 3, Bermuda (Peter Bromby); 4, Canada (Peter Hall)

LA BAULE, France: Soling European championship: Seventh race: 1, D Curtis, B Dallenvaugh and P Murphy (US); 2, N Suchorukov, G Strakh and O Miron (USSR); 3 M Holmberg, J Barne and B Alm (Swe); 4, M Henriksen, P Andersen and J Andersen (Den); 5, F Leon, J Vallejo and A Vasquez (Sp). British placings: 10, A Beadsworth, C Sherell and I Tillett; 12, D Tabb, M Borrett and G Pearson; 44, S Pyatt, P Hawkins and D Finney. Retired: G Charles, S Fry and C Gowers. Overall: 1, D Curtis, B Dallenvaugh and P Murphy (US); 2, M Holmberg, J Barne and B Alm (Swe); 3, J Schumann, T Flach and B Jakel (Ger); 4, K Mahaney, J Brady and D Kern (US); 5, J Bank, S Secher and J Seier (Den). British placings: 18, A Beadsworth, C Sherell and I Tillett; 26, D Tabb, M Borrett and G Pearson; 41, G Charles, S Fry and C Gowers; 48, S Pyatt, P Hawkins and D Finney; 69, J Bell, D Lawrence and R Page.

RAF CLUB: Race One of the Moody South Coast Channel Handicap championship: First class: Modi Khola (J and R Trafford). Second class: 1, Kokoro (J McDougall). Third class: 1, Eye-Eye (R Cameron-Davis); 2, Whisky Romeo (Mr and Mrs P Smith). Fourth class: 1, Menace (C Smith); 2, Dazzler (R Goss), 3, Wildfire (P Handley). Fifth class: 1, Blue Contessa (R MacGregor); 2, Bisto II (P Mason). Sixth class: 1, Charlotte Sometimes (Donald, Polke and Appleby), 2, Cockleshell (J Sherwill); 3, Celia Mary (M Donald).

ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB DE GUINGAND BOWL: IMS: 1, Outstripper (H Dodd, Tripp 40); 2, Apron (J Dare, Humphreys one-off), Dumptruck (C Hotson, Dubois 52), Conwyn Cymru (G Evans Sigma 38), Wayward (D May, Sigma 38). IOR: Advocat (J Taylor, Judel/Vrolik one-ton); Blitz (P Cyriax, Frers one-ton), Spartan (R Keeling and Partners, Dubois). CHS three: Yellow and Blue (J Furic, Beneteau 456), Citron (W Borel, Andrieu one-ton), Coyote (B Trabla, Beneteau 456). CHS four: Windsprit V (J Hall, OOD34), First of April (G Morse, First 38). Sigma 38: Conwyn Cymru, Wayward, Impudence (A Hinton-Lever), Yeoman XXVIII (Sir O Aisher).

POOLS CHECK

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL RESULTS: Bell Park 3, Box Hill 2; Pt Melbourne 0, Frankston P 1; Altona City 3, Broadmeadows 0; Bentleigh 3, Doncaster 1; Brighton 1, Chelsea 2; Geelong 0, Sandringham 5; SH Polonia 1, Nunawading 3; Sunbury 1, Dandenong 2; Waverley 1, Clifton Hill 0; Corio Utd 2, Clayton 2; Eltham Utd 0, Moorabbin 0; Fitzroy 1, Clarinda 3; Holland Pk 6, Heidelberg C 1; Oakleigh S 2, E Brunswick 0; Seaford Utd 4, Coburg 0; Springvale U 4, Lalor Utd 1; Boronia 4, Keringal 3; Langwarrin 1, Hawthorn 0; Mornington 1, Cranbourne 2; S Dandenong 4, Rosanna 1; Yarraville 1, Regent 3; Berwick City 4, Williamstown 0; Forest Hill 3, N Sunshine 4; Frankston U 5, East Altona 1; Knox Park 1, S Werribee 1; Yallourn 1, West Vale 0; Bayswater 2, Kingsway 2; Perth Ital 0, Sorrento 0; Rockingham 1, North Perth 0; Stirling M 6, Kelmscott 0; Bassendean 4, Whitford City 1, Dianella 0, Balga 1; East Perth 0, Wanneroo 1; Ferndale 2, Swan Cresc 0; Forrestfield 3, Stirling T 3; Gosnells 1, Osborne Pk 1; Inglewood 1, Melville 3; Armadale Pk 0, Swan IC 1; Ashfield 3, Subiaco 0; Balcatta 0, Queens Pk 2; Beeragoon 0, Perth City 2; Canning 5, North Lake 1; Cockburn 2, Morley 1; University 4, Vasto Utd 2; West Yugal 0, Geraldton 0; Azzurri 4, WT Birkalla 0; Croatia 2, Para Hills 2; Hellas 7, Blackwood 0; Modbury 1, Adelaide C 2; Polonia 4, Lion-Grange 1; Salisbury 4, Woodville 1; Adelaide O 0, Seaford 0; Campbelltown 1, Cumberland 1; Elizabeth 2, Central Dist 0; Enfield City 0, Olympians 2. Postponed: Richmond v Keilor; Malvern City v S Springvale; Melton v Brunswick C.

1-1	2-1½	3-1	4-1	5-1½	6-1½	7-1½	8-1½	9-1½	10-1	11-3 ●	12-2	13-1½	14-1	15-1	16-1	17-1	18-1	19-1	20-1½	21-1	22-1½	23-1	24-1½	25-1	26-3 ●	27-1½	28-1½	29-1	30-3 ●	31-2	32-1	33-1	34-1	35-1½	36-1½	37-1	38-3 ●	39-3 ●	40-1½	41-1½	42-1	43-1½	44-1½	45-1	46-1	47-1	48-2	49-1	50-3 ●	51-1	52-1½	53-1	54-1	55-1	56-3 ●	57-1	58-1½

FORECAST: Dividends will be very good with seven score draws and three no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 22, 22½ and 23 points.

IN BRIEF

Bubka up higher

SERGEI Bubka broke the world pole vault record for the eighth successive time yesterday with a leap of 6.08 metres (19ft 11½in), an improvement of one centimetre, at the Brothers Znamensky Memorial meeting, a grand prix event, in Moscow.

On March 23, the Soviet Olympic champion raised his world indoor record to 6.12 metres (20ft 1in).

SAILING: Florence Arthaud, a favourite to win the UAP Round Europe Race from Lorient to Torquay, was an early casualty after yesterday's start. The Frenchwoman's trimaran hit a spectator boat, forcing her back to Lorient for repairs.

GOLF: In a sudden-death play-off with Ralph Hutt, James Payne won the British youths championship at Woodhall Spa and strengthened his claims on a Walker Cup team place.

CYCLING: Pauline Strong, the Raleigh professional, abandoned her attack on the London to Brighton and back women's record yesterday at 80 miles after southerly headwinds had cost her too much time. In 1972 Gill Clapton rode the 107-mile distance in 4hr 55min 28sec.

☐ Mandy Jones retained her women's national 25-mile time trial title at Earls Barton, Northamptonshire, yesterday with a time of 1hr 00min 18sec.

TENNIS: Jo Durie, the British No. 1, is poised to meet Martina Navratilova in the second round at the Dow Classic women's grass court tournament at Edgbaston next week. She has drawn Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia ranked 65th, in the first round.

☐ Spain will be without the injured Sergi Bruguera for its Davis Cup world group quarter-final against the United States

SPORTS POLITICS: To speed the return of international competition, South Africa's three racially segregated tennis authorities have agreed to disband and form one body, Tennis South Africa (TSA).

SQUASH RACKETS: Stripes Club, the West London base of the world champion, Jansher Khan, will be forced to withdraw from the Pimm's Premier Squash League next season unless a new sponsor is found.

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The captain confounds West Indies with monumental innings stamped with greatness

Gooch gives England hope

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (fourth day of five): West Indies, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 267 runs to beat England

THE perfectionist instinct which makes Graham Gooch a cricketing workaholic has given this match of low scores and dominant bowlers a monumental innings. Today, if the fickle weather allows, it could be the catalyst for an improbable England victory in the first Cornhill Test.

Gooch bestrode this much interrupted fourth day, batting with intense resolution and increasing command. He gave no chances and was beaten only a handful of times. This, on a pitch where 31 wickets have fallen in less than three actual playing days.

In making the biggest of his five centuries against the West Indies, Gooch became the fifth Englishman to carry his bat through a Test innings and only the second, after Yorkshire's own Len Hutton, to do so in this country. His 154, spanning seven-and-a-half hours of unbending concentration, was his sixth hundred in nine Test matches and close to being both the best and most important of his life.

It achieved for the players who depend upon him so heavily a lead of 277 and West Indies, charged with making the highest total of the match to win, could not have begun more nervily. Simmons was out first ball and Richardson might have followed before the over from DeFreitas was out. The last of the day's many weather interventions came, glory be, as a bolthole for the team more used to pursuing opponents into them.

Watching Gooch yesterday, driving and pulling each of the West Indian fast bowlers with poise and power, it seemed inconceivable that, on Friday morning, he had been so concerned about aspects of his batting that he had sought and received a private tutorial from Geoffrey Boycott.

Gooch's ascent to the greatness which he has now undeniably attained has periodically been hampered by technical lapses, usually affecting his balance and, therefore, the straightness of his bat. Being cursed by neither arrogance nor vanity, he is selfless in pursuit of the remedy and never above seeking advice. Boycott was called in to examine and diagnose during a lengthy net; whatever his input, Gooch emerged from it to bat supremely well.

At lunchtime on Saturday, a three-day finish had been plausible. When, directly after tea, the admirable vigilance of Ramprakash was broken by Ambrose, West Indies were instantly rampant once more.

Ambrose took the first six wickets, including a first-ball dismissal for Smith, who was promptly added to the England players being offered advance contracts for the winter tours. Another on the list, Fraser, is already in doubt having been instructed by his specialist to rest completely for three months in a bid to relieve his hip condition. Gooch, a fervent admirer of Fraser, will have mourned that news but, knowing him, it will also have reinforced his determination to take this precious opportunity of a series lead.

His problem yesterday might have been in finding someone from the last four to stay with him. Derek Pringle solved the dilemna, batting as purposefully and skilfully as he has ever done for his country. In 140 minutes together, the Essex pair added 98 runs, the biggest partnership of the game.

Richards was fearful of conceding runs by setting over-attacking fields, and understandably so, but his choice of Patterson to open the attack was as surprising as his later reluctance to bring back Ambrose.

Before lunch, Pringle was venturing some lavish strokes of his own and Gooch was past 100 with a pulled four against the labouring Walsh. It made him only the fourth Englishman, after Barrington, Boycott and Botham, to make centuries on all the home Test grounds. He will doubtless be as unmoved by that statistic as yesterday's others. He briefly took off his white helmet to acknowledge the crowd's ovation and then hurried to proceed with the day's business.

The new ball, taken after an extended lunch interval, moved around substantially more than the old one and Marshall, experimenting with a short run, punched the air as he prised out Pringle with a good one. Once DeFreitas had gone, playing across the line of Walsh, it became a matter of Gooch farming the strike and he did so to great effect in a tenth-wicket stand with Malcolm which will greatly have irritated the opposition.

It was past six o'clock when the fourth innings began and Simmons played a horribly loose shot to drag DeFreitas's loosener into off stump. It was a vital, uplifting breakthrough; if the sun does not shine to ease conditions today, West Indies will find this a very demanding target and Gooch's inspiration may be richly rewarded.

DAVID HICKES

In command: Gooch comfortably turns Patterson to leg during his magnificent century at Headingley yesterday

Ground's future in doubt

By ALAN LEE

HEADINGLEY'S precarious standing as a Test match venue suffered further damage yesterday when a pitifully small crowd attended the relaunch of Sunday play and a covering malfunction allowed a puddle to form on the edge of the pitch.

The Headingley groundsman, Keith Boyce, has produced another untrustworthy pitch and the public has once again been lukewarm in its enthusiasm.

Yesterday's thin crowd gave a disheartening start to the renewed experiment with Sunday Test cricket, although officials said the weather must have discouraged many potential spectators and that most of those who did come were young, suggesting that Sundays may reach a new market. The Sunday of the second Test, at Lord's, is almost sold out.

As a sop to those who did attend yesterday, their tickets will gain them free admission to the final day.

The last thing Headingley needed was yesterday's problem with the covers. Richards thankfully did not complain that his bowlers' follow-through was endangered.

A captain's innings that belongs to the very best

JOHN WOODCOCK

GRAHAM Gooch's unbeaten 154 deserves to be numbered among the finest innings played by an England captain in this century. Since the second world war, certainly, none has surpassed it. It stands out not for its artistic merit, but for the skill and courage he showed against a formidable attack in awkward conditions and at a crucial time. Had Gooch failed, England would have lost the match by now. Instead, given the weather, they could yet win it.

Len Hutton's 205 against West Indies in Kingston in the last Test match of the 1953-4 tour had much to do with England levelling the series. On the other occasions, and there were several of them, when he held an England innings together, he was not generally captain. Peter May's 285 not out, and his record partnership of 411 with Colin Cowdrey against West Indies at Edgbaston in 1957, rescued his side, for good and all, from the clutches of the Sonny Ramadhin.

Before that, in Port Elizabeth 1948-9, George Mann's 136 not out as England's captain in the fifth Test against South Africa was a captain's innings of real significance. Ted Dexter's famous 70 against West Indies at Lord's in 1963 was played when he was captain, and Cowdrey's MCC side would not have won the series in West Indies in 1967 but for his own 82 on the last day of it. Tony Greig, too, played a great innings as captain against India at Calcutta in 1976-7.

But for nerve, timing and calm judgment, this innings by Gooch was quite exceptional. His mettle was tested in a way that it never was during his monumental 333 against India at Lord's last year. That innings was a triumph of stamina, this one of character. By yesterday afternoon he had drawn the sting of the strongest attack in the game. Such was his relief that he began to play as he used to do when a young man.

On the road from Edgbaston when, in 1975, he made a pair against Australia in his first Test match, Gooch has converted himself from a free stroke player into an accumulator. Although in the field he looks more like the village policeman than the splendid cricketer he has become, and despite standing so awkwardly at the crease, he is, in fact, a natural games player.

Ball games come easily to him: golf, squash, tennis and snooker. He has an excellent pair of hands at slip and is a difficult man to beat at darts. He is straight, honest and conscientious, a respected captain and a tiger for training. And now he is the first England captain to have carried his bat. For the moment, anyway, he is only a little lower than the angels.

ENGLISHMEN CARRYING THEIR BAT

	Score and total	Opposition, venue and date
R Abel	132 out of 307	Australia, Sydney, 1891-92
P F Warner	132 out of 237	South Africa, Johannesburg, 1898-99
L Hutton	202 out of 344	West Indies, The Oval, 1950
L Hutton	156 out of 272	Australia, Adelaide, 1950-51
G Boycott	99 out of 215	Australia, Perth, 1979-80
G A Gooch	154 out of 252	West Indies, Headingley, 1991

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

West Indies won toss

ENGLAND: First innings 198 (R A Smith 54).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch not out	154	—	18	452	331
M A Atherton c Dujon b Ambrose *Edged low, diving catch to wicketkeeper*	5	—	—	38	33
G A Hick b Ambrose *Slow yorker rolled off bat and pad*	6	—	1	25	20
A J Lamb c Hooper b Ambrose *Surprised by extra bounce*	0	—	—	1	1
M R Ramprakash c Dujon b Ambrose *Edge taken by wicketkeeper on his knees*	27	—	2	142	109
R A Smith lbw b Ambrose *Playing back to ball that kept low*	0	—	—	1	1
†R C Russell c Dujon b Ambrose *Faint edge to wicketkeeper*	4	—	1	14	12
D R Pringle c Dujon b Marshall *Outswinger edged to wicketkeeper*	27	—	2	144	94
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Walsh *Hitting across line*	3	—	—	41	27
S L Watkin c Hooper b Marshall *Edged to second slip*	0	—	—	6	5
D E Malcolm b Marshall *Hit round straight ball*	4	—	1	28	11
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 1, nb 7)	21				
Total (106 overs, 452 min)	252				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22 (Gooch 13 not out), 2-38 (Gooch 23), 3-38 (Gooch 23), 4-116 (Gooch 70), 5-116 (Gooch 70), 6-124 (Gooch 74), 7-222 (Gooch 135), 8-236 (Gooch 144), 9-236 (Gooch 144).

BOWLING: Ambrose 28-6-52-6 (10-3-10-3, 5-1-13-0, 6-1-13-3, 7-1-16-0); Patterson 15-1-52-0 (nb 5) (6-0-29-0, 2-0-10-0, 1-0-2-0, 6-1-11-0); Marshall 25-4-58-3 (11-4-19-0, 14-0-39-3); Walsh 30-5-61-1 (10-4-13-0, 7-0-13-0, 13-1-35-1); Hooper 4-1-11-0 (one spell); Richards 4-1-5-0 (one spell).

Second day: Innings ended at 12.10.
Third day: Lunch: 47-3 (20 overs). 50 (92 min, 21.4 overs). 100 (190 min, 44.4 overs). Tea: 114-3 (52 overs). Close: 143-6 (66 overs).
Fourth day: 150 (280 min, 69.1 overs). Lunch: 183-6 (81 overs). 200 (345 min, 84.2 overs).

WEST INDIES: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons c Ramprakash b DeFreitas *Square cut taken in mid-air at cover point*	38	—	6	77	62
D L Haynes c Russell b Watkin *Lifter taken at second attempt*	7	—	1	55	38
R B Richardson run out (Gooch/Russell) *Attempting third run, stranded in mid-pitch*	29	—	2	97	62
C L Hooper run out (Ramprakash) *Hit stumps at an angle running in from cover*	0	—	—	8	5
*I V A Richards c Lamb b Pringle *Edged forward defensive to first slip*	73	2	7	129	98
A L Logie c Lamb b DeFreitas *Back-foot shot edged to first slip*	6	—	1	25	15
†P J L Dujon c Ramprakash b Watkin *Half-hit shot to extra cover*	6	—	1	14	13
M D Marshall c Hick b Pringle *Low catch to second slip*	0	—	—	8	5
C E L Ambrose c Hick b DeFreitas *Shin-high catch at second slip*	0	—	—	4	3
C A Walsh c Gooch b DeFreitas *Skier to extra cover*	3	—	—	23	16
B P Patterson not out	5	—	1	18	14
Extras (lb 1, nb 5)	6				
Total (54.1 overs, 236 min)	173				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36 (Simmons 27 not out), 2-54 (Richardson 7), 3-58 (Richardson 10), 4-102 (Richards 23), 5-139 (Richards 53), 6-156 (Richards 64), 7-160 (Richards 68), 8-165 (Richards 73), 9-167 (Walsh 2).

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-0-69-0 (nb6) (5-0-25-0, 9-0-44-0); DeFreitas 17.1-5-34-4 (11-3-20-1, 6.1-2-14-3); Watkin 14-2-55-2 (9-2-23-1, 5-0-32-1); Pringle 9.3-14-2 (5-2-6-0, 4-1-8-2).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons b DeFreitas *Played ball on to leg stump*	0	—	—	2	1
D L Haynes not out	3	—	—	35	20
R B Richardson not out	8	—	1	31	27
Extras	0				
Total (8 overs, 35 min)	11				

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0 (Haynes 0).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 4-2-6-1; Malcolm 1-0-1-0; Pringle 3-1-4-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd.

TESTS TO COME: Lord's (June 20 to 24); Trent Bridge (July 4 to 9); Edgbaston (July 25 to 29); The Oval (August 8 to 12).

Male virility treatment is a success

AN important breakthrough in the treatment of male impotence has led to unprecedented success in recent clinically controlled trials.

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Agassi slips again at final hurdle

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

ANOTHER new name will be added to the list of French Open champions. But, surprisingly perhaps, it is that of Jim Courier, of Dade City in Florida, not Andre Agassi, of Las Vegas in Nevada, who will follow six other Americans — ranging from Donald Budge in 1938 to Michael Chang two years ago — into the history books, confirming the extraordinary revival of tennis across the Atlantic.

Courier, the No. 9 seed, proved too durable for Agassi, winning 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 in a match twice halted, perhaps decisively as it turned out, by showers. After his third final defeat in his last three grand slam tournaments, Agassi must wonder what he has to do to win. He has now watched two of his junior colleagues, Pete Sampras and Courier, move ahead of him in the line. "The pessimistic side of me questions whether it will happen," Agassi said.

His turn must come because he has played, arguably, the best tennis of his life through the last week, particularly in his dissection of Becker in the semi-final, but there is still a question mark over his ability to produce his best when it really matters.

Courier, 20 years old and four months the younger of the two, has improved this year, winning two titles before this one and breaking into the top ten for the first time, about three years after Agassi. He has attributed his improvement partly to a new coach, José Higueras, who has taught Courier the meaning of the word "variety", and partly to the donning of a new baseball cap.

As he aspired to be a pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds long before he dreamed of the red clay of Paris, the tug of the cap has become a vital part of Courier's on-court wardrobe. By the middle of the second set, the peak had been tugged until it was tinged with red clay, but with no noticeable effect on the course of the match, which was running very much Agassi's way.

Agassi tucked away the first set in 39 minutes and was leading 3-1 in the second when rain twice intervened and just under an hour's play was lost. The break loosened Courier, tightened Agassi, who had lost two previous finals — against Gómez here last year and Sampras at the US Open — and sensed doubt for almost the first time since his first-round match two weeks ago.

Despite having a point for a 4-1 lead, Agassi won only one more game in the set and only two points out of 12 as a revived Courier, his step markedly bouncier than before, levelled the match at one set all, and went ahead for the first time at the start of the third.

Not for the first time, the swing proved to be temporary, a minor detour in the course of a match which was heading rapidly for the horizon. Agassi took the third, then, just as inexplicably, dropped the fourth in 26 minutes, almost as if the whole act had been choreographed back at the Florida academy that had shaped both their games a few years ago.

The French crowd waited for the decisive moment. After three hours, they were still waiting. All pretensions to variety had been sacrificed to the interests of power and the match had as much finesse as a bar-room brawl. A big forehand by Courier looked decisive in the seventh game of the final set, but not until a missed smash by Agassi two games later did Courier's chin prove to be the stronger.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Final: J Courier (US) bt A Agassi (US), 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. Men's doubles: Final: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt R Leach and J Pugh (US), 6-0, 7-6. Women's singles: Final: M Seles (Yug) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 6-3, 6-4. Women's doubles: Semi-final: L Savchenko and N Zvereva (USSR) bt M Paz and G Sabatini (Arg), 6-3, 5-7, 9-7. Final: G Fernandez (US) and J Novotna (Cz) bt Savchenko and Zvereva, 6-4, 6-0. Mixed doubles: Final: H Sukova and C Suk (Cz) bt C Vis and P Haarhuis (Neth), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

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Ballesteros puts on the pressure

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
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SEVERIANO Ballesteros stayed in the front line as the final round of the Buick Classic unfolded on the West course at the Westchester Country Club here yesterday.

Ballesteros, out in 34, was one of more than a dozen players vying for a first prize of $180,000. Hale Irwin, the defending champion, and Billy Andrade, who gained his first US PGA Tour victory in the Kemper Open last week, remained ahead although Ballesteros, accompanied by playing partner, Nolan Henke, were leading the group snapping at their heels.

The Spaniard, 68 under par for his previous 23 rounds, was attempting to maintain a remarkable sequence of wins prior to moving on to the US Open which starts on Thursday on the Hazeltine course where Tony Jacklin won in 1970.

Ballesteros won the Chunichi Crowns tournament in Japan to launch his resurgence after more than a year without a success and then added the Volvo PGA Championship and the Dunhill British Masters.

Ballesteros began the inward half with a birdie at the 10th where he played the most delicate of chips to 18 inches from the hole.

The winner would need to play the inward half well. In the third round, the field was collectively five under par for the first nine holes and 55 over for the second nine.

José-Maria Olazábal, of Spain, finished stronger than Nick Faldo. Olazábal took 70 for 285 and Faldo 72 for 286. Olazábal played his best golf of the week on the last nine holes, for which he was two under par. In an adventurous round, Faldo had six birdies, five bogeys and a six at the 17th where he caught the lip of a bunker with his ball which rebounded into virtually an unplayable lie.

LEADING FINAL AGGREGATES (US unless stated): 279: H Twitty, 70, 70, 70, 69. 280: P Azinger, 66, 68, 78, 68. 281: P Stewart, 72, 71, 69, 69; E Aubrey, 68, 71, 72, 70; W Grady (Aus), 67, 71, 72, 71. 281: M Brooks, 68, 74, 73, 67; D Edwards, 71, 71, 70, 70; E Dougherty, 74, 69, 69, 70; R Gamez, 70, 73, 69, 71; C Stadler, 68, 70, 73, 71. 283: B Faxon, 73, 70, 72, 68; M Hulbert, 69, 70, 75, 69; J Hallet, 72, 69, 73, 69; H Sutton, 69, 71, 72, 71; D A Weibring, 71, 70, 71, 71; J Cook, 72, 67, 71, 73. 284: B Claar, 71, 72, 71, 70; K Green, 68, 70, 74, 72; P Persons, 68, 68, 74, 74. Other scores: 285: J-M Olazábal (Sp), 71, 70, 74, 70. 286: N Faldo (GB), 72, 69, 73, 72.

Questions on Tote

By RICHARD EVANS

LORD Wyatt of Weeford faces the prospect of a 90-minute interview before a Commons select committee tonight following disclosures about the finances and running of the Horserace Totalisator Board.

Lawyers representing the Tote yesterday threatened to seek a legal injunction preventing *The Times* from publishing any more information, which they claim is confidential, about the betting organisation.

Lord Wyatt, the chairman of the Tote since 1976, will be the first witness before the all-party home affairs select committee as it begins its investigation. He is understood to be angry about last week's reports which highlighted the Tote's poor financial performance and the steps taken by himself and his board to prevent publication of a critical Lloyds Merchant Bank report two years ago.

The Times has passed on to the select committee the relevant reports, letters and documents. They include internal trading accounts for 1990-1 which, according to select committee sources, "paint a very different picture" to that of official Tote figures presented in written evidence to the MPs.

The internal accounts show that although turnover increased to a record £212.5 million, profits before tax fell last year by £210,000 to £3,084,000.

Lord Wyatt, who is paid £73,000 a year, is expected to face a wide range of questions, including his costly pension plan and why he decided to double the size of the Tote's minimum bet.

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